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INDIA wins four seats, BJP three in Assembly bypolls

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In the first set of byelections held in six States after the formation of the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance, the Opposition bloc bagged four seats and the BJP three. The INDIA tally includes the crucial Ghosi Assembly seat in Uttar Pradesh won by the Samajwadi Party.

Honours seemed evenly divided as three of the seats were earlier held by the BJP and one each was with the Congress, the SP, the CPI(M) and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM). While the tally was the same as earlier, the BJP lost Dhupguri in West Bengal to the Trinamool Congress, but wrested Boxanagar in Tripura from the CPI(M).

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Modi, Biden welcome progress in defence ties

Joint statement highlights deals on jet engines, armed drones and WTO dispute settlement; PM says India-U.S. friendship will continue to play a great role in furthering global good

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Joe Biden on Friday welcomed the completion of the notification process in the U.S. Congress on August 29 for a commercial agreement between General Electric Aerospace and Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) to manufacture GE F-414 jet engines in India and the commencement of the negotiations. The leaders lauded the settlement of the seventh and last outstanding World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute between the two countries.

Mr. Biden arrived in New Delhi in the evening to attend the G-20 Summit and went straight to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's official residence for a bilateral meeting. The summit will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

Talks begin: Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets U.S. President Joe Biden in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

A joint statement issued after the bilateral talks said: "President Biden welcomed the issuance of a Letter of Request from the Ministry of Defence of India to procure 31 General Atomics MQ-9B (16 Sky Guardian and 15 Sea Guardian) remotely piloted aircraft and their associated equipment, which will enhance the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities of India's armed forces across all domains."

'Productive meeting'

"Happy to have welcomed US President Joe Biden to 7 Lok Kalyan Marg. Our meeting was very productive. We were able to discuss numerous topics which will further economic and people-to-people linkages between India and USA. The friendship between our nations will continue to play a great role in furthering global good," Mr. Modi said on the social media platform 'X'.

Mr. Biden "lauded" India's G-20 presidency for demonstrating how the G-20 as a forum is delivering important outcomes, the joint statement noted.

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BJP will forge alliance with JD(S) for LS polls, says Yediyurappa

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After months of intense speculation, BJP Parliamentary Board member B.S. Yediyurappa on Friday confirmed that his party would forge a pre-poll alliance with the JD(S) for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

"BJP and JD (S) are about to forge an alliance for the Lok Sabha polls. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has agreed to give four seats to the JD(S)," Mr. Yediyurappa told pressperson here, without spelling out the names of the constituencies.

He said that the party expected the alliance to win 25 or 26 Lok Sabha seats of the total 28 in Karnataka. BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel expressed confidence that the alliance would boost the party's poll prospects. Former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai too said that such an alliance was "necessary now". Both the parties had worked in coordination during the recent legislature session.

No word from JD(S)

However, the JD(S) is yet to make any statement on the proposed alliance. State BJP leaders too are not in the know of the specifics of the discussion between party leaders, as they are happening at the level of the BJP high command.

JD(S) sources said that the granular discussion on seat sharing had not taken place yet, though leaders had come to a broad understanding.

It was likely that the party could seek the opinion of leaders and workers, who are gathering at Palace Grounds here on Sunday, on the alliance.

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The high-flying showman battling superheroes

After his World Championships triumph, the flamboyant Gianmarco Tamberi now has a full collection of major high jump golds in an extremely competitive era often headlined by the phenomenal Mutaz Essa Barshim. Their showdown at Paris 2024 will be one for the ages

Reuters
Associated Press

Judging by his athletic intensity, his unchained exuberance and his 'train hard, party hard' approach to competing, Gianmarco Tamberi isn't a man for half measures. And yet his signature look when high jumping is a half-bearded, half-shaved face.

Apparently, there is a method to the Italian showman's madness. His track-and-field appearance – GQ Magazine once ran an item about his unconventional grooming habits titled "Don't do this" – isn't merely superstition. It's a ritual that helps him enter 'the zone'.

"In competition, the only thing that is a must for me is to have fun and make the viewer have fun," he once said in an interview, explaining his facial-hair style. "When I have fun, I relax. That's why I started with this half beard, half shave. And that became in time a big superstition. It also becomes a moment for me, in the mirror, when I shave, I think about the competition, I think about what I have to do. It becomes a big moment for me before the competition."

When the magic happens

This moment of meditative introspection is the calm before the storm. For when he is in a stadium, he is driven by the emotions of the crowd, both feeding it and feeding off it. "I like when I have the crowd close to me, I like this sharing of emotions," he said. "When I go to the stadium, that's where the magic happens – the competition starts, I'm an adrenaline guy."

> I know that I competed against crazy athletes, like Mutaz Barshim, he's like a superhero for me. It's not easy to beat such a great talent

This was in evidence again at the recent World Championships in Budapest, where the flamboyant 31-year-old, wearing one green sock and one red, claimed his first World title and leapt into the water hazard of the steeplechase in wild celebration with Morocco's Soufiane El Bakkali, who had just raced to gold in the men's 3,000m steeplechase.

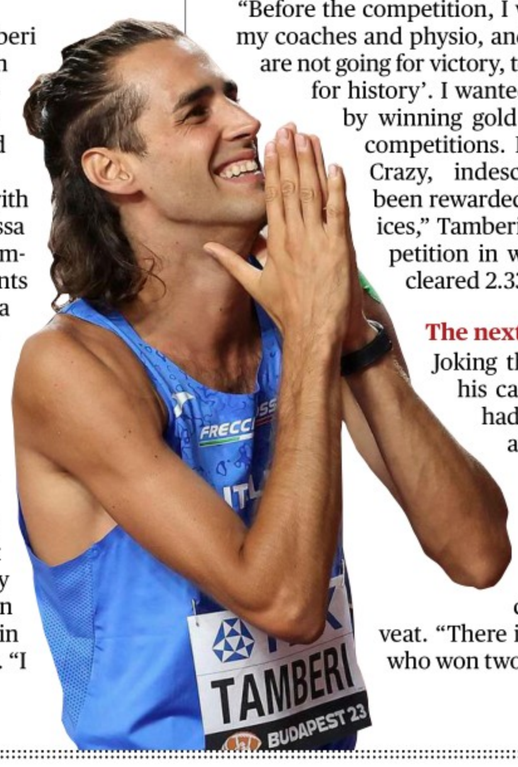
The triumph meant Tamberi now has a full collection of high jump golds, having also captured the Olympic, World Indoor, European and Diamond League crowns.

His sharing of Olympic gold with good friend and rival Mutaz Essa Barshim was one of the most memorable, heart-warming moments from Tokyo, but after clearing a world-leading 2.36m in Budapest, the Italian stood alone, to the delight of the raucous Italian fans in the crowd, who chanted "Gimbo! Gimbo!" as he waved his long arms in encouragement.

Now the reigning World and Olympic champion – titles that until August 22 were owned by Barshim – Tamberi reflected on chasing "the greatest jumper in history" for more than a decade. "I know that I competed against crazy athletes, like Mutaz Barshim, he's like a superhero for me," Tamberi said of the three-time World champion who also has the second-best jump ever: 2.43m, behind Cuban great Javier Sotomayor (2.45 in 1993).

"It's not easy to beat such a great talent. I feel like a human being who beats superheroes. I live off these moments. My way to approach the competition is to be myself and to express all the emotions I have inside. Now realising my CV is finally complete, it's just amazing.

"Before the competition, I went to my team, my coaches and physio, and said, 'Today we are not going for victory, today we are going for history'. I wanted to write history by winning gold at all the major competitions. I just went for it. Crazy, indescribable. I have been rewarded for all the sacrifices," Tamberi said after a competition in which six athletes cleared 2.33m.



The next goal

Joking that he could end his career now that he had won everything at least once, Tamberi briefly got serious and announced what his next goal was – but it came with a caveat. "There is no high jumper who won two Olympic golds so making history in Paris would be amazing. I will work hard, not now, but next month. I want to go all in on this journey. But first, the party."

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Perhaps Tamberi didn't recover fully from the festivities of celebrating, for he could manage only 2.28m and fourth at last week's Diamond League meet in Zurich, which was won by Barshim (2.36) who was eager to improve on his bronze at Budapest. But Tamberi was his usual ebullient self, having fun with Indian Olympic and World champion Neeraj Chopra during training in Zurich and then turning up at the Italian GP in Monza to leap over an F1 car!

Tamberi's Worlds triumph was also confirmation for him that his decision to change coaches – dad Marco had been his coach until days before last year's World Championships, when he switched to former Italian high jumper Giulio Ciotti – was working.

The move had raised questions last year, and Tamberi referenced it even as he made a point of acknowledging everything his father had done for him. "Many had doubts about the change of coach, the gold is also thanks to my father," he said.

Indeed, it was Marco, a former high jumper who reached the 1980 Moscow Games final, who convinced a young Gianmarco to give the discipline a shot. The teenager wasn't keen and spent most of his time pursuing his passion for basketball – his jaw-dropping dunks and drives to the rim in last year's NBA All-Star Celebrity Game proved that that time wasn't wasted.

But at 17, he won a national-level schools event without ever having trained in the high jump and realised that perhaps his father did have a case after all. Besides, Tamberi knew he would have bragging rights for life when he eventually surpassed his father's best.

"From 2009 to 2012, my only goal was to beat my father," he said. But he did not immediately recognise the moment, for the one-upping jump came at the 2012 Bressanone Italian Championships during which he cleared 2.31 for gold. When it dawned on him the next day, Tamberi recalled what was at stake. "I remembered he said to me, 'When you beat me, I'll give 100 euro'. I'm still waiting for that, he never gave me."

Friends, rivals, history-makers

The pursuit of Barshim has been every bit as enjoyable and significantly more rewarding for Tamberi. The two men share a strong bond, enjoying the other's successes even as they compete for long jump's biggest prizes. Paris 2024 could well be their last major showdown, the 32-year-old Barshim saying it will be his final Olympics.

Both men are looking forward to the Games, hoping to script a moment that can add to their historic, emotional 2021 one, when Barshim uttered the immortal words, "Can we have two golds?" after the two could not be separated. For the first time since 1912, an athletics Olympic gold was shared.

"Sharing with a friend is even more beautiful... it was just magical," said Tamberi, while for Barshim it was "beyond sport". They may never be able to match the magnitude of what happened that night in Tokyo, but when you have a showman taking on a superhero, the likelihood of witnessing something truly special is very high.

Tamberi can't wait. "Always think you have a chance, go for it," he said, describing how he will approach Paris. "Never give up on your dreams."

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	20	9,815	17
2	Novak Djokovic	36	9,795	19
3	Daniil Medvedev	27	6,260	22
4	Holger Rune	20	4,790	22
5	Casper Ruud	24	4,715	24
6	Jannik Sinner	22	4,645	22
7	Stefanos Tsitsipas	25	4,580	23
8	Andrey Rublev	25	4,515	25
9	Taylor Fritz	25	3,605	26
10	Frances Tiafoe	25	3,050	22
11	Karen Khachanov	27	2,845	19
12	Alexander Zverev	26	2,670	21
13	Alex de Minaur	24	2,595	24
14	Tommy Paul	26	2,570	25
15	Felix Auger-Aliassime	23	2,375	22

Top Indians

Sumit Nagal
Rank 189 ▲ 1 spot

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 361 ▼ 7 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	22	9,955	19
2	Aryna Sabalenka	25	8,746	17
3	Jessica Pegula	29	5,945	19
4	Elena Rybakina	24	5,670	20
5	Ons Jabeur	29	4,831	17
6	Coco Gauff	19	4,595	20
7	Caroline Garcia	29	3,820	25
8	Maria Sakkari	28	3,585	23
9	Marketa Vondrousova	24	3,401	16
10	Karolina Muchova	27	2,995	18
11	Petra Kvitova	33	2,920	16
12	Barbora Krejcikova	27	2,811	19
13	Belinda Bencic	26	2,605	19
14	Daria Kasatkina	26	2,560	25
15	Liudmila Samsonova	24	2,525	23

Top Indians

Ankita Raina
Rank 189 ▼ 7 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 211 ▲ No change

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	364	12
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	219	2
3	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	170	0
4	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	164	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	117	0
6	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	111	0
7	George Russell	Mercedes	109	0
8	Lando Norris	McLaren	75	0
9	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	47	0
10	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	37	0
11	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	36	0
12	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	36	0
13	Alex Albon	Williams	21	0
14	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	9	0
15	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	6	0
16	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	4	0
17	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	3	0
18	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	2	0
19	Logan Sargeant	Williams	0	0
20	Liam Lawson	AlphaTauri	0	0

Max Verstappen

Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	583	14
2	Mercedes	273	0
3	Ferrari	228	0
4	Aston Martin	217	0
5	McLaren	115	0
6	Alpine	73	0
7	Williams	21	0
8	Haas	11	0
9	Alfa Romeo	10	0
10	AlphaTauri	3	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	101,505	13
2	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	85,051	16
3	Kodai Naraoka	81,315	22
4	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	79,778	16
5	Shi Yu Qi	72,524	19
6	Prannoy H. S.	72,437	19
7	Li Shi Feng	71,748	21
8	Loh Kean Yew	69,262	20
9	Jonatan Christie	69,221	15
10	Anders Antonsen	63,310	14
11	Chou Tien Chen	60,317	21
12	Lakshya Sen	59,581	20
13	Kenta Nishimoto	57,027	22
14	Lee Zii Jia	56,576	19
15	Lu Guang Zu	55,510	18

Top Indians

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 6

Lakshya Sen
Rank 12

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	107,714	15
2	Akane Yamaguchi	98,117	16
3	Chen Yu Fei	90,316	14
4	Tai Tzu Ying	87,286	13
5	He Bing Jiao	83,274	16
6	Carolina Marin	80,690	16
7	Ratchanok Intanon	67,623	17
8	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	66,961	20
9	Han Yue	62,548	21
10	Beiwen Zhang	60,470	21
11	Wang Zhi Yi	58,670	16
12	Pornpawee Chochuwong	55,729	20
13	Mia Blichfeldt	51,959	18
14	P.V. Sindhu	51,770	18
15	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	51,444	13

Top Indians

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 14

Aakarshi Kashyap
Rank 38

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Kane Williamson	883	919
2	Joe Root	859	923
3	Steve Smith	842	947
4	Babar Azam	829	882
5	Marnus Labuschagne	826	937
6	Travis Head	818	884
7	Usman Khawaja	796	847
8	Daryl Mitchell	792	800
9	Harry Brook	773	773
10	Rohit Sharma	759	813

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	879	904
2	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
3	Ravindra Jadeja	782	899
4	Stuart Broad	776	880
5	Pat Cummins	775	914
6	Shaheen Afridi	762	836
6	Ollie Robinson	762	820
8	James Anderson	761	903
9	Nathan Lyon	760	799
10	Jasprit Bumrah	756	835

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	882	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	777	796
3	Shubman Gill	750	750
4	Imam-ul-Haq	732	815
5	Harry Tector	726	726
5	David Warner	726	880
7	Fakhar Zaman	721	784
8	Quinton de Kock	718	813
9	Steve Smith	702	752
10	Virat Kohli	695	911

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	705	733
2	Mitchell Starc	686	783
3	Matt Henry	667	691
4	Trent Boult	660	775
5	Shaheen Afridi	659	688
6	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	657	712
7	Rashid Khan	655	806
8	Mohammed Siraj	652	736
8	Adam Zampa	652	655
10	Shakib Al Hasan	624	717

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	889	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	811	875
3	Babar Azam	756	896
3	Aiden Markram	756	796
5	Rilee Rossouw	702	724
6	Dawid Malan	692	915
7	Muhammad Waseem	691	716
8	Jos Buttler	673	674
9	Aaron Finch	660	900
10	Reeza Hendricks	657	661

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	713	816
2	Adil Rashid	687	746
3	Wanindu Hasaranga	686	797
4	Maheesh Theekshana	684	684
5	Fazalhaq Farooqi	677	692
6	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	745
7	Josh Hazlewood	670	806
8	Sam Curran	667	688
9	Adam Zampa	657	743
10	Akeal Hosein	655	681

INBRIEF

Azim Premji, son Rishad meet CM, Dy. CM

Founder-chairman of Wipro Limited Azim Premji and his son Rishad Premji made a courtesy call on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Friday.

"It was courtesy a call, but we took this as an opportunity and requested CSR funds for education sector and other programmes," Higher Education Minister M.C. Sudhakar, who was part of the meeting, told *The Hindu*. Meanwhile, they also had a discussion with the Dy. CM, and are believed to have shared their inputs on Mr. Shivakumar's Brand Bengaluru initiative.

Rajender Kataria given concurrent charge

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Rajender Kumar Kataria, Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Bengaluru, has been given the concurrent charge of the post of Commissioner and Ex-officio Principal Secretary to Government, Rehabilitation and Resettlement, Benglauru.

He is given charge with immediate effect and until further orders.

The State government on Friday issued an order in this regard.

NIMHANS initiates Suicide Loss Survivors forum

According to the NCRB report, as many as 1,64,033 suicides were reported in India during 2021

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Connecting with others who have experienced similar losses can provide an invaluable support network. The forum will emphasise the importance of community in the healing process. FILE PHOTO

To decrease stigma and provide postvention care and support to the families of those who lost their lives to suicide, NIMHANS has initiated a Suicide Loss Survivors (SLS) forum.

The first session of the forum was held on the institute premises on Friday, ahead of World Suicide Prevention Day, observed on September 10.

Survivors of loss

According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report, as many as 1,64,033 suicides were reported in India in 2021.

Shekhar P. Seshadri, former Senior Professor at the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at NIMHANS, who moderated the session, said the feelings that arise during the loss of a loved one to suicide, the confusion, the guilt, the stigma, the shame, often goes unattended and unheard.

"Postvention helps these survivors of suicide loss to address this predicament that they are going through," he said.

Raising awareness

Anish V. Cherian, Associate Professor at the Department of Psychiatric Social Work at NIMHANS, who is the organiser of the forum, said the voices of suicide survivors are essential for raising awareness, reducing stigma, providing support and ultimately preventing suicide. "Their stories carry the power to inspire, educate, and promote a more compassionate and informed approach to mental health and suicide prevention," he said.

"Grief after a suicide is complex and can be accompanied by guilt, shame, and stigma. The forum will offer guidance on navigating these challenging emotions. Survivors will learn strategies to build emotional resilience and find ways to move forward while honouring the memory of their loved ones," he explained.

Support network

Connecting with others who have experienced similar losses can provide an invaluable support network. The forum will emphasise the importance of community in the healing process. Information on available resources, including therapy, support groups, and helplines, will be provided to attendees to help them access the assistance they need, the doctor said.

Prabha S. Chandra, Senior Professor and Dean of Behavioural Sciences, said suicide awareness and preventive measures should be made mandatory across schools, colleges, workplaces, and the community at large.

Survivors' experience

Nandini Murali, author of the book *Left Behind: Surviving Suicide Loss*, who attended the session, said she is still working on her pain even five years after losing her spouse to suicide.

"The devastating experience of suicide loss changed my life forever. However, it motivated me to initiate interventions for people grappling with suicide and those impacted by suicide loss. It is high time that we have a formal circle to address the needs of suicide loss survivors," she said.

Sneha Rao, founder and director of Ananya – A Foundation for Happiness, recalled, "After I lost my daughter Ananya, I never thought I would wake up from that. But my family, friends, and colleagues stood with me and supported me to process through my pain. I was blamed for my child's untimely death. I realised that I am not the only mother who is blamed. This led me to start a foundation in her name. We should work together to prevent suicides."

Spurt in robberies targeting vegetable vendors in the city

The Hindu Bureau
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A vegetable vendor claimed that many cases had gone unreported. FILE PHOTO

Babu C.B., a vegetable vendor in Yeshwantpur, was on his usual trip to Kalasipalya vegetable market early morning on September 5, when he was robbed by a gang of youths brandishing weapons.

"I slowed down my auto as they approached, thinking that they were looking for an address. But two bikes came on either side of my auto, and the gangsters threatened me with lethal weapons. I was forced to hand over ₹10,000 that I was carrying," he said. Mr. Babu alleged that though he lodged a complaint with S. J. Park police, they cited jurisdictional issues and did not act on it. He is not alone.

Manjunath, who supplies mushroom to retail shops, was robbed of ₹4,500 three weeks ago. "Two young boys, wearing monkey caps and wielding lethal weapons, waylaid my bike while I was heading to Majestic from Kalasipalya market. They started beating me up till I gave up whatever I had," he said. But he did not report the incident to the police.

Soft targets

Vegetable vendors, who commute every day to the Kalasipalya vegetable market between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m., have recently become soft targets for gangs of robbers. "We go to buy vegetables every morning when the area is deserted. They know that we will be carrying money," said Shivakumar, who is employed in the procurement department of a leading chain of grocery stores.

Venkatesh, a vegetable vendor, claimed that many cases had gone unreported, as most of the robberies reported to the police remain unsolved. "At least three robberies of vendors were reported in the last one week," he claimed, adding the need of the hour is intensifying police patrolling in the area during early morning hours.

N. Satheesh Kumar, Additional Commissioner of Police (West), Bengaluru appealed to vegetable vendors to report all robberies, and even attempts to rob them. A senior officer from Kalasipalyam police station said that they had identified 12 checkpoints where robberies had been reported earlier. Four teams of three personnel each patrolled the area every day from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. "We will identify the problem spots, and ensure patrolling at such spots during the early hours of the day," he said.

Drug racket busted, two African nationals arrested

The Hindu Bureau
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Acting on a tip-off about drugs being sold, officials from Bagalagunte police conducted a raid on Wednesday afternoon and arrested two African nationals allegedly peddling drugs. Police recovered 21 grams of MDMA crystals, a bike, and ₹2,000 cash from the accused.

One of the arrested hails from South Africa and another from Nigeria.

Side hustle

The duo had come to the city on a business visa and were selling readymade garments but also peddled drugs as a side hustle, said the police.

Further investigation is on to ascertain the source of the narcotics.

3D materials developed for sustainable construction

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), under a multilateral project (Acronym 3D Printing), in an attempt to contribute towards sustainable construction, have pioneered breakthrough materials and processes that could bring down the building industry's carbon emissions.

The Centre for Sustainable Technologies, IISc, has utilised 3D printable material formulations utilising industrial by-products, including construction and demolition wastes (CDW), blast furnace slag, and fly ash for carbon sequestration.

These formulations have the potential to be used in fabricating walls, slabs, and various other building components. According to the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the developed material, utilising an optimised process of accelerated carbonation curing, can store 35% to 40% of CO_2 by mass of cement.

India's cement and brick manufacturing sectors contribute a staggering 200 to 250 million tons of carbon dioxide annually, a challenge that becomes ever more pressing.

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A Business Initiative

HOSMAT Hospital dedicates its third facility in Bengaluru

Hospital is called HOSMAT SPECIALITY HOSPITAL. This facility will have seven operations theatres, & it will cater to all surgical specialities, with a centre of excellence for orthopaedics, and ortho sub-specialities. HOSMAT stands for Hospital for Orthopaedic, Sports Medicine, Arthritis and Accident Trauma. With 3 hospitals, 7 Orthopaedic sub-specialities, HOSMAT is one of the largest, and best-equipped group of Orthopaedic Hospitals in India, having 550 beds and 28 modern operation theatres, with the latest technology. Each HOSMAT has experienced Neurosurgeons, and Neurophysicians. HOSMAT was started by Dr. Thomas Chandy in 1993, who left a successful position as Chief of Orthopaedics in Tulsa, Oklahoma, after 15 years in the U.S.

He returned to the City to start Bengaluru's first orthopaedic and Accidents hospital. Hosmat has built a legacy of 30 years since its inception, of the first hospital on Magrath Road, second in Kalyan Nagar. HOSMAT has Established THE Handicapped and Crippled Childrens Foundation. An 80 G Registered Trust. Part of this is a program called "MAKE ME WALK", for children who are born with, or developed orthopaedic or developed neuro disabilities in childhood. The three HOSMAT Hospitals are strategically located for easy access for patients for orthopaedics, accidents, neurosurgery and injuries.

'Guru Namana' an initiative by SPARSH Foundation for Teachers' Day

SPARSH Foundation, the charitable wing of SPARSH Group of Hospitals, organised the 14th edition of Guru Namana, a social initiative to provide free joint replacement surgeries to 100+ retired school teachers hailing from rural areas from across Karnataka. The inauguration ceremony took place at the SPARSH Hospital Auditorium, located on Infantry Road in Bengaluru.

The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil, Minister of Medical Education and Skill Development, Government Of Karnataka. Other notable attendees included retired teachers who have previously undergone knee replacement surgeries under the Guru Namana initiative, as well as those selected for this year's program. The event was presided over by Shri Justice Shivaraj V Patil, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India. Commenting on the initiative, Dr Sharan Prakash Patil, Minister of Medical Education and Skill Development, Government Of Karnataka, said, "This is a commendable initiative from SPARSH Foundation and Dr Sharan Shivaraj Patil. Knee pain and arthritis can be debilitating and it can be overwhelming physically and emotionally". The Sparsh Foundation driven by a strong commitment to provide accessible world-class healthcare to underprivileged individuals, Dr. Sharan Shivraj Patil launched the SPARSH Foundation in 2007.

The foundation is known for its two annual programs, SPARSH VACHANA and GURU NAMANA, which aim to transform the lives of those in need.

'Asia Wedding Show-2023' at Gayatri Vihar, Palace Grounds, Bengaluru

South India's most opulent Wedding Expo- 'Asia Wedding Show 2023' started recently in Bengaluru. The Asia Wedding Show is one of the biggest assortments of some of the top leading wedding essential brands under one roof.

The fair has been housing some of the leading jewellery brands from across the country, that will include a dazzling array of International jewellery designs from top brands in the country. On display are luxury brands from the apparel, Jewellery and wedding industry of popular brands. This Edition is a very Special one with Focus on Wedding Jewellery. The product profile consists of Bridal Jewellery, Couture, Ethnic Bridal Trousseau , Kanchipuram Wedding Sarees , Banarasi Wedding Sari ,Traditional Jewellery, Precious Stone & Pearl Jewellery, Wedding Accessories, Wedding Planners, Wedding Gifts to name a few..

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Meet the reigning queen of chess — Ju Wenjun

The Chinese Grandmaster, who has held the women's World title since 2018, talks about her inspiration, her championship matches, her country's growing reputation in international chess, and the Indian players who have caught her eye

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Ju Wenjun was born in the year China got its first-ever World champion in chess. Xie Jun's victory over Maia Chiburdanidze at the 1991 World championship did not merely end the Soviet Union's – or Georgia's – domination of women's chess, it also marked the emergence of China as the undisputed superpower.

Xie has had quite a few successors, Ju being the latest. Zhu Chen, Xu Yuhua, Hou Yifan and Tan Zhongyi enjoyed reigns as the queen of international chess between 2001 and 2018.

Serial winner

Ju has been a serial World championship winner. After clinching her first title in 2018, she has defended it three times. Her latest triumph came just a few weeks ago, beating Lei Tingjie in a match that was staged in both their hometowns: the first six games were played at Shanghai and the last six at Chongqing.

> While I play, I don't think about winning or losing... I just focus on my chess

At the end of the first half, which was played in her city, Shanghai, Ju found herself trailing 2.5-3.5. She had lost the fifth game, and all others had been drawn.

Ju, however, equalised by winning the eighth game and it all boiled down to the last game, with the scores tied at 5.5-5.5. The defending champion won it to extend her tenure yet again as the queen of world chess.

The latest victory was special because she hadn't been playing a lot of classical chess – the format for the title match. "I prepared for more than six months but it took me some time to settle down for the match," Ju told *The Hindu* at Kolkata, where she was the biggest female star at the Tata Steel Chess India tournament. "And Tingjie is a very strong player."

She didn't pay too much attention to the home-advantage factor. "Yes, there is a lot of support for me in Shanghai, and chess is very popular in Chongqing too," she says. "And this wasn't the first time I was playing the World title final in two cities. When I won my first title, in 2018, after beating Tan Zhongyi, two cities hosted it jointly: in fact, it was Shanghai and Chongqing, too."

Clear-eyed focus

She says she doesn't think of the benefit or pressure of playing at home. "I just focused on my chess," she says. "While I play, I don't think about winning or losing. In the title match this time around, I think both of us played some good games."

Looking back at her first title, she says it was a dream come true. "Ever since I started playing chess as a professional, I wanted to be the World champion," says Ju. "I had taken an early lead, winning two of the first three games and it was very exciting indeed to become the World champion for the first time. I had trained really hard for it. My coach Ni Hua was a great help. He helped me improve my chess."

Ju defended her title just six months later, this time in a knockout format, after defeating Kateryna Lagno of Russia in the final. "I wasn't expecting to win, as anything could happen in a knockout tournament," she recalls. "I just wanted to play some nice chess."

She says her third title, won in 2020, was the toughest. Her rival was Aleksandra Goryachkina of Russia. That match too was played in two venues – Shanghai and Vladivostok.

"I think Goryachkina prepared well for the match and she fought really hard," Ju says. "It was for the first time I was playing someone much younger than me in a title match. I think she is eight years younger. In many games, I was not so good, but luckily I won two games in a row towards the end and then won the tie-breaker as well."

Ju has also been the World rapid champion. She won it in 2017 and retained it the following year.

When she won her first World rapid title, at Riyadh, Viswanathan Anand was the champion in the open section, at the age of 48. "Yes, it was a remarkable performance by Anand," she says.

In 2000, Anand had become the first male World champion from Asia. But, Xie had given Asia its first World title nine years earlier.

Turning point

Ju feels Xie winning the World title for the first time was a turning point for the game in China.

"Many people started playing chess after she won that World title in 1991," says Ju. "And now it is great we have a male World champion, too, in Ding Liren. We tried to work hard for many years and played many tournaments and eventually got a World champion in the open section."

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She was impressed by Ding's performance in his thrilling title match against Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi. "He works a lot and has played in several top-level classical and rapid tournaments," she says. "I think he knew how to play in the 14-game World title match."

Ju herself knows a thing or two about winning matches and tournaments, as she showed in Kolkata early this week. She won the blitz title at the Tata Steel Chess India with a superb performance.

She had done rather well in the rapid section earlier, but could only finish runner-up to Divya Deshmukh, the 17-year-old who proved a sensation after coming in as a last-minute replacement for R. Vaishali. Ju, though, was the only unbeaten player in the rapid event.

This was her first visit to India. "I felt nice being here in Kolkata," she said. "It was an excellent tournament and I liked the idea of equal prize-money. This will help women's chess."

Koneru Humpy finished runner-up to her in the blitz event.

Ju has great respect for the Indian star. "She is a very strong, solid, strategic and positional player. She has won so many tournaments. She has been the India No. 1 for so long."

Ju also thinks highly of India's young male talents, such as D. Gukesh, R. Praggnanandhaa, Arjun Erigaisi and Nihal Sarin. "They are all very talented," she says. "They have a bright future."

DEBASISH BHADURI

GAME THEORY

Crouser's stunning dominance of the shot

American Ryan Crouser has ruled the shot put world over the last few years, dominating the event like no male athlete before him has. A two-time Olympic and two-time World champion, he has the top four marks of all time and seven of the top 10. Indeed, he accounts for more than 50% of the entries in the all-time list of 25, with 14!

Ryan Crouser

R*: RANK | SOURCE: WORLD ATHLETICS

R*	Mark (m)	Competitor	Venue	Date
1	23.56	Ryan Crouser	Los Angeles	27 May 2023
2	23.51	Ryan Crouser	Budapest	19 Aug 2023
3	23.37	Ryan Crouser	Eugene	18 Jun 2021
4	23.30	Ryan Crouser	Tokyo	05 Aug 2021
5	23.23	Joe Kovacs	Zurich	07 Sep 2022
6	23.15	Ryan Crouser	Eugene	21 Aug 2021
7	23.12	Randy Barnes	Westwood	20 May 1990
7	23.12	Ryan Crouser	Eugene	24 Jun 2022
9	23.10	Randy Barnes	San Jose	26 May 1990
10	23.07	Ryan Crouser	London	23 Jul 2023
11	23.06	Ulf Timmermann	Chania	22 May 1988
12	23.02	Ryan Crouser	Eugene	28 May 2022
13	23.01	Ryan Crouser	Tucson	22 May 2021
14	22.94	Ryan Crouser	Eugene	17 Jul 2022
15	22.92	Ryan Crouser	Eugene	18 Jun 2021
16	22.91	Alessandro Andrei	Viareggio	12 Aug 1987
16	22.91	Joe Kovacs	Doha	05 Oct 2019
16	22.91	Ryan Crouser	Marietta	18 Jul 2020
19	22.90	Ryan Crouser	Doha	05 Oct 2019
19	22.90	Tom Walsh	Doha	05 Oct 2019
21	22.89	Joe Kovacs	Eugene	17 Jul 2022
21	22.89	Joe Kovacs	Szekes fehervar	08 Aug 2022
23	22.87	Joe Kovacs	Eugene	24 Jun 2022
24	22.86	Brian Oldfield	El Paso	10 May 1975
24	22.86	Ryan Crouser	Eugene	09 Jul 2023

PICTURE THIS

Fight and flight

In this photograph, reigning Olympic all-around champion Sunisa Lee competes on the balance beam at the recent US Gymnastics Championships in San Jose.

Strictly going by standings, she finished last — yet anybody who knows her will view the result in a completely different light.

The 20-year-old has been in and out of hospital because of a kidney issue. So the fact that she made it to the US Championships meant so much more than the tie for 27th place.

Besides, Lee still got to stand on the podium with a bronze on the beam. And the reason her score was so low was because she didn't compete on the uneven bars — her signature event — or the floor exercise.

Lee's eyes are still clearly set on next summer's Paris Olympics, seemingly determined as ever to overcome the latest challenges in her young life.

She had captured gold at the Tokyo Games while far from full strength from a broken foot, and still heartbroken from losing two family members to COVID-19 — all while her father recovered from an accident that paralysed him when he fell off a ladder.

Power shutdown today owing to maintenance work

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

There will be no power supply on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. in the areas serviced by 66/11kV Kadugodi MUSS to carry out quarterly maintenance work.

According to notification from Bescom, East Circle, the areas that will be affected are: Belathur, Patalamma, Siddartha and VSR Layouts, O.P.H Road, Shankarapura, Kadugodi, Pattandur Layout, Channasandra,Kodigehalli Village, and surrounding areas.

An equal society must be built, says Siddaramaiah

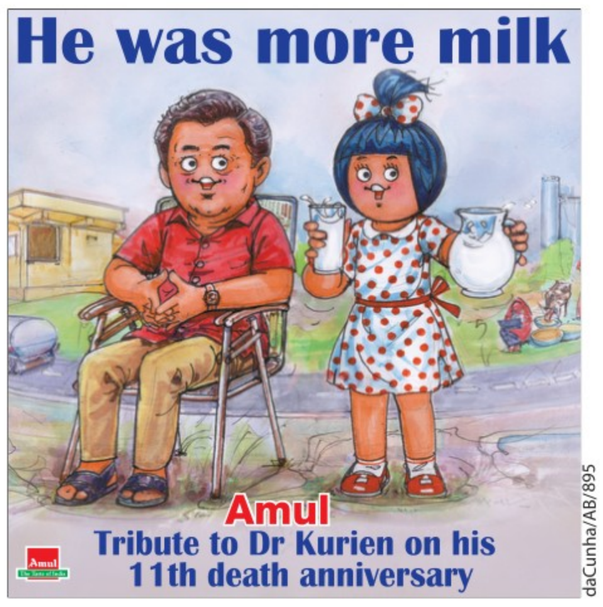
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that social and economic inequality has continued to exist as the country's wealth and production were accumulating in the hands of a few individuals.

He was speaking at a book release programme organised by Kamala Hampana Sahitya Vedike at Gandhi Bhavan, on Friday.

The Chief Minister released 'Beleku Bittidavaru', 'Prakrita Katha Sahitya' and 'The journey of life' books.

If the goal of freedom is to be achieved, an equal society should be built with equal distribution of opportunity and wealth in the society, Mr. Siddaramiah said.



Mother-son double murder case cracked

Police say that the accused was upset when the woman entered into a relationship with another man

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru police have cracked the double murder of a mother-son duo and arrested a friend of the deceased woman. Her family had suspected her estranged husband, against whom a case was registered.

The victims, 33-year-old Navaneeta and her 11-year-old son were found dead at their residence in T. Dasarahalli on September 5.

The woman had a stab injury in her neck but was lying dead with the murder weapon, a kitchen knife, in her right hand. The boy was found dead, frothing at his mouth. The cooking gas was leaking. Though the door was locked from inside, the police concluded that the two were murdered. The mother of the deceased woman, in her complaint to the police, accused her estranged son-in-law Chandru, who worked as a wall painter, of killing her daughter. The Bagalagunte police questioned Chandru but realised that he was innocent.

Call records

Examination of the call records of the deceased revealed that she was constantly in touch with two men. Inquiries revealed that she was in a relationship with one of them, and he regularly visited her.

The police identified him as Shekhar, 33, an electrician working on a contract basis at Jalahalli Air Force Base. On being questioned, he confessed to the crime.

According to the police, he was in a relationship with the deceased for a few years and was looking after all the expenses of the household. However, the deceased had got into a relationship with another person recently, which enraged him, leading him to kill her in a fit of rage.

"When he killed her, her 11-year-old son was a witness to the murder. So, he decided to kill him as well. He smothered him to death. He later wanted to portray it like a suicide. So, he placed the knife in Navaneeta's hand, and left the cooking gas open. Neighbours were alarmed by the smell of gas, and discovered the crime," a senior police official said.

Bose Raju felicitation tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka Raju Kshatriya Federation, Bengaluru, has arranged a felicitation programme in honour of N.S. Bose Raju, Minister for Minor Irrigation and Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka.

The N.S. Bose Raju felicitation programme will be held at Hotel Radisson Blu Atria at 11 a.m. on September 10.

Boost for tourism

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

KSIIDC Managing Director M.R. Ravi said on Friday that the proposed airstrip for Chikkamagaluru will give the tourism sector in the district the much-needed boost.

KREDL proposes setting up 500 MW solar park at Aurad in Bidar district

'As on date, land owners from Dongargaon, Malegaon, Bhandarkumta, and Chemmigaon villages in Aurad taluk have expressed their interest to lease around 80 acres of land to establish the park'

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

In a step towards its plan to harness more renewable energy in the upcoming days, the State government has now proposed to set up a solar park in Aurad taluk in Bidar district. The proposed 500 MW capacity park will be set up by Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL), along with the Pavagada Solar Park (in Tumakuru district) model. The project is expected to be commissioned by December 2025.

The solar park will be set up under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy's (MNRE) Mode 8 scheme of "Development of solar parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects" (UMREPP). According to sources in KREDL, the park will be set up on around 2,000 acres of land, and KREDL had called for expression of interest from the land owners to acquire the land for lease. "As of date, land owners from four villages in Aurad taluk - Dongargaon, Malegaon, Bhandarkumta, and Chemmigaon have expressed their interest to lease around 80 acres of land to establish the solar park," the source said. While KREDL is in the process of obtaining consent letters from individual owners, it has been learnt that a meeting will soon be scheduled between KREDL, the District Commissioner (DC) and farmers to acquire more land for lease for the Solar Park.

The project has been proposed by KREDL to exploit renewable energy resources for maximum benefit and support the Government of India to reach the target of 500 GW by 2030. FILE PHOTO

PPP model

The Solar Park will be developed under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model and currently, KREDL has invited financial proposals to select a consultancy firm to prepare the detailed project report (DPR) as well as the feasibility report.

The project will also include the development of basic infrastructure like roads and streetlights in the park's vicinity. The MNRE, which has given its approval in principle for the project, will provide 30% of the project cost or ₹20 lakh per MW (whichever is lower) for the development of infrastructure in the park. The total cost of the project is yet to be determined.

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The State government recently expressed its interest in expanding Pavagada Solar Park which currently has a 2,000 MW capacity. The government has announced an addition of 3,000 MW to the Park. Participating in THTalks-Bengaluru, a live chat with *The Hindu*, earlier this week, Energy Minister K. J. George said that the department was planning to increase the share of renewable energy in power generation in the State to 80% from the current 40%.

Ramanagara bandh gets unprecedented support

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The bandh called on Friday against the shifting of the Kengal Hanumanthaiah Medical College from Ramanagara, which was planned to be constructed at the proposed campus of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences campus, to Kanakapura, received unprecedented support from the public.

Members of the Kengal Hanumanthaiah Medical College Horata Samithi, and various pro-Kannada, pro-farmer, and progressive organisations held a protest and bike rally in the city. BJP Member of Legislature Council (MLC) C.P. Yogeshwar and JDS former Member of Legislature Assembly (MLA) A. Manjunath, a large number of JDS and BJP workers also participated in the protest. This is the first joint protest of JDS and BJP workers after the BJP decided to forge a pre-poll alliance with the JDS.

The protesters raised slogans against the state government, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, his brother, Member of Parliament D.K. Suresh, and the local MLA Iqbal Hussain.

Shopkeepers downed shutters and extended support to the bandh.

Shop owners closed their shops and extended their support to the bandh. The APMC market had come to a standstill. Schools and colleges declared a holiday. Trading in the cocoon market took place in the afternoon. Vehicular traffic was scarce in the city. But the traffic on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway was as usual.

Human chain formed

The protesters formed a human chain and blocked the road at Aijoor circle in the city. Later, the protest march started from Kempegowda Circle and proceeded towards the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office.

Mr. Yogeshwar said, "There is no good intention in shifting the medical college from Ramanagara to Kanakapura. If a medical college is constructed in the district center itself, it will benefit all the people of the neighbouring taluks."

Former MLA A. Manjunath said, "Former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy had sanctioned RGUHS campus for the district headquarters Ramanagara. Later, the BJP government also initiated the construction of the university. But, the DK brothers are stealing the medical college from here to their constituency. We will give a deadline of 15 days to the government to drop the decision of shifting medical college, then a fierce struggle will be organised."

JDS youth president Nikhil Kumaraswamy released a media statement saying, "Medical college is the right of the people of Ramanagara district. They also have the right to fight for it."

Timings
BENGALURU

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RISE	06:09	SET 18:25
RISE	01:16	SET 14:38
SUNDAY, SEP. 10		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:24
RISE	02:09	SET 15:27
MONDAY, SEP. 11		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:24
RISE	03:01	SET 16:12

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	24
Mysuru	31	23
Bengaluru	29	21

Bengaluru Today
29°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Van carrying children overturns; 10-year-old boy, driver injured

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A van ferrying schoolchildren overturned after it hit a divider near Deve Gowda Petrol Bunk on Friday. The driver and a 10-year-old boy sustained minor injuries. The 58-year-old driver Krishnamurthy has been booked for rash and negligent driving.

According to the police, Krishnamurthy has been ferrying children to school and back for over 20 years. On Friday morning, he was on his way to drop children aged 9 to 10 years. There were 10 children in the van.

Jumping signal

Around 9.20 a.m., when the driver approached the traffic signal at Deve Gowda Petrol Bunk, he jumped a red signal as it was getting late for school. As he jumped the signal, he was about to collide with an oncoming SUV, to which he swerved to the left and hit the divider. The van overturned, its windshield and window glasses shattered.

Most of the children escaped unhurt but a 10-year-old boy suffered an abrasive injury as a shard of glass hit his arm. The driver Krishnamurthy has suffered a fracture in one of his arms.

A senior traffic police officer said a breath analyser test of the driver showed that the driver was not drunk. He jumped a signal and was faced by oncoming traffic from the other arm of the signal which had turned green, the officer said.

CM attends event at St. Mary's Basilica Church

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday termed the St. Mary's Basilica Church as the spiritual centre.

He was speaking after inaugurating Mother Mary's birth anniversary at St. Mary's Basilica Church in Shivajinagar.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "I attend this birth anniversary festival every year without fail. This is something that makes me very happy. Here there is no place for hatred of man in the name of caste and religion."

Expressing happiness over the progress made by the Christian community in the field of education and health sector, Mr. Siddaramaiah said that Christian Development Corporation would be established as soon as possible as promised in the budget and the government has set aside ₹100 Crore for this.

Festive spirit

A large numbers of devotees witnessing the grand decorated chariot procession carrying the image of Blessed Mother Mary as part of the St. Mary's Feast 2023, on the streets of Shivajinagar, around St. Mary's Basilica Church, in Bengaluru on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

EAST COAST RAILWAY

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Tender Value: ₹1,51,33,250.02, EMD: ₹2,25,700/-.

Bidding Start Date: 13.09.2023, Date & time of Tender Closing: 1100 hrs of 27.09.2023.

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Dt. 05.09.2022

Tender Notification (Through E-portal only)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka tenders are invited from the eligible contractors who have enrolled in Panchayath Raj Engineering Department for 07 works comprising of approved building works under **K.K.R.D.B., D.M.F., K.S.M.C.L. (CSR),** and Health and Wellness scheme through e-procurement portal. Contractors are required to submit the tender before **20.09.2023** at **4.00** PM by uploading the relevant documents through e-procurement portal website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by downloading the formats for submission of tenders from **06.09.2023** to **20.09.2023** at 4.00 PM. Tenders will be opened through e-proc portal on **21.06.2023** at 05.00 PM. Any changes in the notification will be published in e-procurement website only. Accepting/rejection of tenders without assigning reason is reserved. Any details can be obtained in person at the office or through telephone No. 08392-26617

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3. Estimated cost : **Rs.1353.06 lakh to Rs.4995.00 lakh**
4. Class of Contractor : **A Class, Special Class & Super Class as applicable.**
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To, Anil Kumar Sharma, (DIN: 00408572) Director, Supertech Limited 1114, HAMKUND CHAMBERS, 11 FLOOR 89, NEHRU PLACE NEW DELHI DL 110019.

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Challenges amid changing trends

Ever-changing policies, high stamp duty, and the introduction of GST have made many projects unviable, says **Swapnil Patil**

OPINION

GETTY IMAGES

The real estate sector has been grappling with a lot of challenges in the past few years. It started with demonetisation, then the GST regime followed by the pandemic, which broke the spine in 2020.

Still, it emerged as one of the most resilient sectors rather quickly after COVID on the back of robust latent demand in the residential segment.

People realised that home is the most important asset in their armour and the biggest shield against any such natural calamity. Among few trends that have emerged post-pandemic was the need for homes with larger spaces.

Even though real estate is the second biggest employment in India and contributes to 7% of the GDP, it still doesn't have an industry status.

Due to this, the credit to developers is difficult to get and the institutional funding cost makes a lot of projects inviable.

Top banks and financial institutions have reduced their exposure to the real estate sector. Select NBFC and private funds give limited leverage to credible developers but at a very high-interest cost that varies between 15-20%. All this cost is eventually passed on to the consumers making real estate dearer for end users.

High taxes

Another challenge is the levy of taxes. Right from GST on raw materials, LUC (land under construction) tax, stamp duty, GST on sale units and registration fees eventually swell the landing cost of end users.

Such a high tax regime has dampened the spirits of real estate investors. Since the introduction of GST and higher stamp duty real estate investors have virtually vanished from the real estate arena.

One big challenge that has stalled many projects overall is ever-changing policies and approvals and grants which are rolled out with retrospective effect. This makes projects inviable which are passed in earlier policy regimes.

This needs to change and a single-window approval policy should be framed to make the approval process faster and more transparent.

In the future, we need to have land insurance mandatory for all projects being developed to ensure the complete safety of the buyers and lending financial institutions. RERA has brought in a lot of transparency and discipline in real estate and a few other things mentioned above are being addressed Indian real estate is set to make the next big wave in the coming decade for sure.

The writer is CEO and Founder, ASAP RealTech.

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From Page One

BJP will forge alliance with JD(S) for LS polls, says Yediyurappa

Political circles in Karnataka had been abuzz with speculations that JD(S) supremo and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda met Mr. Shah in Delhi recently. It was also being said that former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy had been approached in this regard by the BJP soon after the Assembly elections in May 2023.

No clarity on seat sharing

There is no clarity on the constituencies that are being offered to the JD(S).

BJP sources believe that the JD(S) may be offered Bengaluru Rural, Kolar, Chickballapur, and Hassan seats. A BJP State functionary said the party was unlikely to give Mandya to JD(S). Mandya is represented by Sumalatha who won the seat in 2019 as an Independent, but extended support to the BJP before the May 2023 Assembly elections.

A JD(S) source said: "Mandya, Hassan, Tumakuru, Chickballapur, Bengaluru Rural, and Kolar constituencies are on the party's wish list."

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah sought to downplay the proposed alliance between the Opposition parties. "We are not bothered about who will enter into an alliance and who will fight on their own. We will seek votes from people. People are in our favour, and they will vote for us," he said.

Political compulsions make BJP and JD(S) natural allies despite ideological mismatch

The two parties are coming together after 15 years when their tie-up had ended on a sour note; BJP tasted power for the first time in Karnataka when it formed a coalition government with the JD(S) in 2006; BJP said to be keen to use potential of H.D. Kumaraswamy as well as the image of his father

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

A file photo of BJP veteran B.S. Yediyurappa with JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy.

Though the political ideology of the BJP and the JD(S) appear to be polls apart, leaders of both parties believe that the proposed alliance between them is only "natural" considering the present political circumstances and ground realities.

While the morale of the BJP is down as the party has lost miserably in the recent elections to Karnataka Assembly, despite vigorous campaign by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the JD(S) has lost political ground even in its main support base of the Old Mysore region.

Lack of confidence

The defeat has embarrassed the BJP Central leadership to such an extent that it appears to have lost confidence in the abilities of its State leaders. This is evident in the Central leadership not bothering to choose either the Leader of the Opposition or the new State president though more than 100 days have passed since the new dispensation took charge in Karnataka.

The saffron party appears to be suffering from leadership vacuum as a majority of its leaders have not grown beyond their areas and districts despite serving as Ministers for a long time. Though the octogenarian Lingayat strongman B.S. Yediyurappa continues to be the party's best bet even now, age is not on his side.

No mood to take risk

Sources say that the party high command has now become more cautious in its approach and is in no mood to take the risk of going it alone in the crucial Lok Sabha polls.

At least in theory, it is not difficult for its workers to tie up with the JD(S) as the political constituencies of both the parties are different. Though a couple of areas, including Mandya, may turn out to be problematic as they have witnessed a poll tussle between workers of both the parties, the top leaders of the BJP appear to have chosen to look beyond them in larger interests.

Already, the floor arrangement between both the parties in the recently-held legislature session turned out to be effective as they were able to put the government in a spot over several issues. The BJP is said to be keen to use the potential of JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy as well as the image of his father and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda while beginning its poll campaign against the Congress that managed to get a thumping majority in the State Assembly polls.

Friends, foes by turns

In fact, the BJP tasted power for the first time in Karnataka when it formed a coalition government with the JD(S) in February 2006. The relation between both the parties soured as the JD (S) refused to transfer power to the BJP after 20 months. The relationship further deteriorated when the BJP caused the fall of the Kumaraswamy-led JD (S)-Congress coalition government in July 2019. But the defeat has brought both the parties together now.

JD(S) sees alliance as a move to 'protect' party

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

The proposed Janata Dal (Secular)-BJP alliance for the ensuing Lok Sabha polls is being viewed by the regional party, which received a drubbing in the Assembly elections, more as a hedging tactic against the Congress's aggressive posture and to protect its flock from being poached.

A turf war

Having come to power with a comfortable majority, the Congress, with which the JD(S) has fought a turf war over the Old Mysore region in the last two decades, has been making an aggressive posture towards the regional outfit, causing anxiety in the party's ranks.

KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who had been jostling for Vokkaliga leadership, has been particularly seen wading into JD(S) territory and local leadership for the past couple of months.

The alliance with the saffron party, over 15 years after the first one ended on a sour note over the JD(S) not transferring power to the BJP in 2007, is being seen in the light of the JD (S)'s near rout in the Vokkaliga heartland. The party saw its base weakened as the vote share shrank by about 5% from 2018 to 2023 Assembly elections resulting in 19 seats, down from 37 seats.

On transfer of votes

"Both the JD(S) and the BJP are in a quandary now. We also have to protect the party. In some places, the alliance is going to be good for both the parties. However, we are not expecting complete transfer of votes to each other at every place as there are different local dynamics at play," a JD(S) source said. The alliance, sources said, will prevent transfer of its votes to the Congress, and instead could be turned towards the BJP. Vijayapura, Bidar, Raichur, Davangere, Chitradurga, and Shivamogga, among other districts, where the JD(S) has a base but cannot contest Independently could benefit the BJP, sources claimed.

"The alliance with BJP is more organic than the one with the Congress as the BJP does not have a big base in the Old Mysore region that in turn can be filled by the JD(S)," party sources said.

"Unlike the 2019 elections when the JD(S) and the Congress fought in an alliance, this would be different. We do not see BJP leaders sabotaging like how the Congress leaders did last time."

In Union Cabinet

Another source indicated that if the JD(S) manages to win three to four seats, the BJP is likely to accommodate one member in the Cabinet that in turn could strengthen the party. After the disqualification of Prajwal Revanna as Member of Parliament from Hassan, former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, a Rajya Sabha member, is the only parliamentarian from the party currently.

INBRIEF

HC reserves order on Prajwal's plea to stay verdict

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday reserved its order on Prajwal Revanna's plea for staying the court's September 1 verdict of declaring his election to Lok Sabha from Hassan constituency as null and void, till he files an appeal before the apex court challenging the verdict. Earlier, advocate representing G. Devaraje Gowda, who had filed petition in 2019 questioning the legality of the election, had opposed grant of stay. Justice K. Natarajan reserved the order on the application filed by Mr. Prajwal after hearing the arguments of advocates representing Mr. Prajwal and Mr. Devaraje Gowda. The court in its September 1 verdict had declared the election of Mr. Prajwal, grandson of JD(S) national president H.D. Deve Gowda, as null and void for indulging in a series of corrupt practices. Mr. Prajwal has 30 days from the date of the High Court's verdict to file an appeal before the Supreme Court challenging the High Court's verdict.

Not worried about tie-up: Siddaramaiah

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said he is not bothered about the poll alliance between the Opposition parties BJP and the JD(S) in Karnataka for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, claiming that the people will back the ruling Congress party.

Reacting to the announcement by former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa that the BJP will have an understanding with the former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda-led JD(S) for the 2024 general elections, Mr. Siddaramaiah said:"Whether they have an alliance or fight separately, I am not bothered. People are with us. They will vote for us."

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar termed the development as "not new". "Let them do it (alliance). Earlier too, they had done it when BJP leader and MLA R. Ashok and Mr. Kumaraswamy had come together in the previous (BJP-JD(S) coalition) government."

"Nothing wrong... Let the JD(S) leaders do anything for survival. But my question is how does their ideology work. Mr. Deve Gowda in earlier situations had ruled out an alliance with the BJP," he said.

Raising questions on survival of the JD(S) in the future, Mr. Shivakumar said: "It is left to them. They would have built a party based on an ideology... I don't know what will happen to their party, their legislators and former legislators. I wish them all the best."

The BJP had swept the 2019 Lok Sabha polls in Karnataka by winning 25 seats, while independent Sumalatha Ambareesh, backed by it, won in Mandya. The Congress and the JD(S) won one seat each. The JD(S) contested the 2019 Lok Sabha polls in alliance with the Congress.

Soujanya case: HC dismisses PIL seeking reinvestigation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday refused to entertain a PIL petition seeking a fresh or reinvestigation into the 2012 case of rape and murder of 17-year-old Soujanya, who was a student of SDM College, Ujire near Dharmasthala in Dakshina Kannada district.

A Division Bench dismissed the petition filed by Girish Bharadwaj of Bengaluru, Naveen Kumar G. of Belthangady, and Vinayaka Friends Charitable Trust, Puttur.

Stating that it was refraining from imposing cost on the petitioners, the Bench said it would record its reasons for dismissal of the petition in its written order to be released later.

Earlier, during the hearing of the arguments of the petitioners' advocate, the Bench orally made it clear that there is no scope in law to entertain a PIL for reinvestigation after the completion of the trial and pronouncement of the verdict in the criminal case by the trial court.

The Bench also pointed out to the petitioners' advocate orally that the law provides various right, including the right to appeal against the order of acquittal of the accused, to the parents of the victim as well as the probe agency.

When the advocate pointed out that there is huge public outcry demanding reinvestigation, the Bench orally made it clear that it is bound within the four corners of the law and cannot act on the basis of public perception.

The Bench noted from records produced in the petition that the High Court in 2021 rejected the petition filed in 2018 by victim girl's father for reinvestigation of the case by the CBI when the trial of the case was under way. The CBI, to which the investigation was handed over in 2014, had filed chargesheet in 2015 against one Santhosh Rao.

It was contended in the petition that the actual culprits were roaming free, and Santosh Rao, against whom the CBI had filed chargesheet, was acquitted by the special court in its June 2023 verdict.

The filling of an appeal by the victim's parents or the prosecution may not serve justice to the victim in view of the observations made by the special court on tainted investigation at the initial stage after the registration of the crime, the petitioners had claimed in the petition.

Yediyurappa-led BJP team to embark on State tour from September 16

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Opposition BJP, which staged a State-wide protest on Friday against what it called "anti-people" policies of the Congress government, has decided to take up a State tour of its leaders under the leadership of former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa from September 16 to create public awareness about the "anti-people" policies.

BJP leaders B.S. Yediyurappa, D.V. Sadananda Gowda, and Basavaraj Bommai staging a protest against the State government at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Participating in the protest held at Freedom Park in Bengaluru, Mr. Yediyurappa said the tour would begin from Kudumale Vinayaka temple of Kolar. "We will continue our protest till this government goes," he remarked. Former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the State would witness severe shortage of power from November due to failure to augment generation. He said the Congress government would soon provide "zero power-zero bill". The protest was attended by former Chief Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda, besides former Ministers, legislators, and MPs.

Later, a delegation of BJP leaders led by Mr. Bommai visited KRS dam in Mandya district to take stock of the storage situation in the wake of release of water to Tamil Nadu.

SUIT SUMMONS IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL JUNIOR CIVIL JUDGE KANDUKUR

O.S No.230/2022

Kavarthapu Sudhakar ... Plaintiff
V/s
1. Kavarthapu Vijaykumar & others .. Defendants
To,
D2. Pappu Hemalatha, wife of Suryarao, 171-8th cross, CK Layout, Chalnayakahalli, Narayana E-techno School, Banglore North, R.T nagar, Banglore-560032.

Whereas the plaintiff has instituted above suit against you and others for partition and other reliefs and you have shown as 2nd defendant in the above suit. The above suit posted on **26-09-2023** for your appearance. So you personally or your pleader on your behalf must appear before this Hon'ble on that day at about at **10-30 AM** before the above said Honourable court and file your objections if any in support of your defense. In default of your appearance on the day mentioned above, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

K. Rajasekhara Reddy,
Advocate for plaintiff
Kandukur - 523105
SPSR Nellore District

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client, intends to purchase the "Schedule Property" from its present owners i.e., Smt.Subbamma and others. Any person/s, Company, Firm or Institutions, Private or Government Authority, Individual Person/s or relatives, any General Public, whomsoever claiming to have any right, title or interest in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, or objecting to such sale in favour of my client, should lodge their objections in writing with all supporting documentary evidence to the under signed within 10 days from this publication, failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale formalities on the basis that there are no encumbrances, claims, lien or charges etc whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **House list No.126,** Dasarahalli CMC Sl.No.671, Old Khata No.71, measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 30 ft in all measuring 1200 sq.ft and bounded on East by 5th Main Road; West by : Site No.142; North by Site No.125 and South by Site No.127: AND another property bearing **House List No.142,** Dasarahalli CMC Sl.No.670, Old Khata No.325 and 326, measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 30 ft in all measuring 1200 sq.ft and bounded on East by Site No.126; West by : 5th Main Road; North by Site No.143 and South by Site No.141: Both are adjacent sites and formed in Sy.No.71, situated at Annapoorneshwari Layout, Srigandhadakavalu Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, previously under the jurisdiction of Dasarahalli CMC Ward No.34, presently within the limits of BBMP Ward No.70-Rajagopalanagar, together both sites measuring 2400 sq.ft.

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Bangalore - Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Area Planning Authority
No. 5, Second Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560 009
Tel : 080 22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com

No: BMICAPA/CLU-03/18/2023-24/805 Date: 08.09.2023

PUBLICATION

(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri Chikkegowda S/o Late Kempegowda has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from "Agriculture" Zone to "Residential" purpose under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining Sy.No: 97/2 Extent 00Acre-35Guntas of Hampapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

1. If this land is developed and layout formed, sites will be available at reasonable rates to middle income group and Economically weaker section.
2. At the time of carving and designing the Layout, there will be job opportunities to labours.
3. If this land is developed, then the surrounding area will also get developed.
4. If the planned development takes place, good road, Civic amenity sites and parks etc., will be available for General Public

Objection, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 15 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 15 days will not be considered.

Sd/- Member Secretary
B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1231/AKAR/2023-24

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

R.KARTHIGEYAN, B.Tech.
IIT-(G), M.Sc (UK), MBA-IIM (T)
DOB: 27.05.1991 - DOD: 09.09.2022
You are always with us
Father : R.Ramesh Kumar
Mother : Dr.V.Vasanthy
Sister : Dr.R.Vineshykaa
Relatives & Friends

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Fifteenth Anniversary

Smt. Padma M.Sundaram
(Retd., MET Dept., Chennai)
"You live in our hearts forever"
B.Meenakshisundaram & Family
Ph: 9941957807 & 9841076143

Siddaramaiah, DKS hold meeting to select candidates for Council polls in June next year

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Friday held a meeting with Congress party leaders for selection of candidates for elections to six Legislative Council seats to be held in June 2024.

Elections to three seats each of Graduates' and Teachers' constituencies would be held in June 2024. Byelections to the Bengaluru Teachers' constituency too is likely to be held in June next year.

The seat was vacant following the resignation of Puttanna, who contested the 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections and was defeated.

Sources said the byelections would not be held to the Graduates' constituency since the term would end in June 2024. The seat was vacant following the resignations of former MLC Ayanur Manjunath, who recently joined the Congress. Mr. Manjunath too contested the Assembly polls and was defeated.

The candidates for seven seats would be announced after collecting opinions from legislators, DCC office-bearers, and ticket aspirants, Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee has asked ticket aspirants to Council seats to deposit ₹2 lakh along with the application fee of ₹5,000 in the form of Demand Draft.

5 killed, 8 injured in road accident in A.P.

The Hindu Bureau
CHITTOOR

Five persons were killed on the spot, and eight others were injured, four of them critically, when a cement-laden lorry ran amok, hitting a stationary truck, a car, and a two-wheeler, at Dharmapuram village of Nagari mandal, close to the Tamil Nadu boundary, 55 km from Tirupati, on Friday afternoon. According to information, a lorry on its way to Chennai hit a stationary truck, and a car and a two-wheeler coming in the opposite direction, besides ploughing into some workers engaged in road marking.

The impact left five dead on the spot. The deceased included a father and his two sons, and two road workers. A case has been registered and further investigation is on.

UDF demonstrates its might in Puthuppally, registers landslide victory

Chandy Oommen of UDF bags 80,144 votes to trounce his nearest rival Jaick C. Thomas of the LDF by a margin of 37,719 votes; BJP's Lijin Lal comes a distant third with 6,558 votes

The Hindu Bureau
KOTTAYAM

The United Democratic Front (UDF) has once again demonstrated its might in Puthuppally with its candidate, Chandy Oommen, winning by a landslide the byelection held to the Assembly constituency that was represented by his father Oommen Chandy for 53 years.

When the final result of the byelection was announced, Mr. Oommen bagged 80,144 votes (61.38%) to trounce his nearest rival Jaick C. Thomas, who contested as the Left Democratic Front's candidate, by a margin of 37,719 votes. Mr. Thomas bagged only 42,425 votes (32.49%) while G. Lijin Lal, the candidate fielded by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) received only 6,558 votes to finish a distant third.

Happy moment: UDF candidate Chandy Oommen celebrates with supporters his victory in the Puthuppally byelection in Kottayam on Friday. VISHNU PRATHAP

Chandy's record

Riding on a massive sympathy wave triggered by the death of Oommen Chandy, a veteran Congress leader, and a perceived anti-incumbency wave against the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government in Kerala, Mr. Oommen maintained a steady lead right from the first round of counting. In the process, he also surpassed the highest margin of 33,255 votes recorded by his father against the LDF candidate Suja Susan George in 2011.

Earlier in the day, excitement ran high among the UDF workers as the counting of votes began around 8 a.m. And as soon as they learned about the obvious outcome halfway through, the workers took to the streets, whistling and waving party flags.

The atmosphere at the residence of Mr. Oommen at Puthuppally too remained electric as Youth Congress workers raised slogans in praise of Mr. Oommen and his late father.

For the LDF, particularly the CPI(M), the intense three-week-long campaign ended in complete disappointment as it witnessed a significant drop in its vote share from the 54,328 votes recorded in the previous Assembly election. The result also marks the third successive defeat of Mr. Thomas, who had contested against Chandy in 2016 and 2021 in Puthuppally.

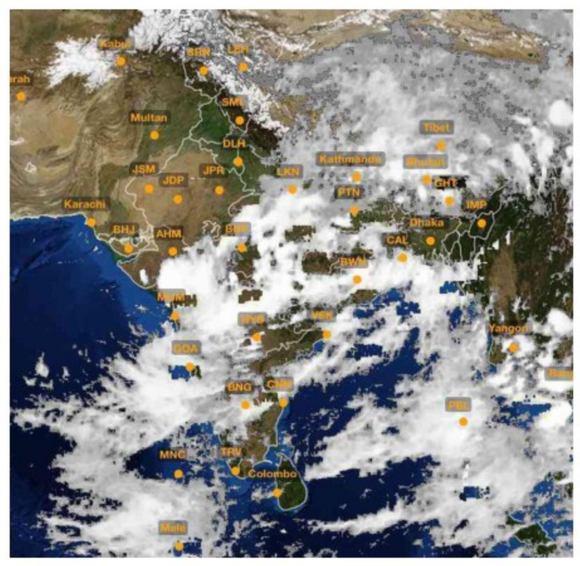
NDA vote share

The National Democratic Alliance, meanwhile, could be seen nowhere in the picture as its vote share in the seat registered a further drop to 5.02% from 8.87% votes recorded in 2021. In the previous Assembly election, the coalition had bagged 11,694 votes.

The byelection was necessitated by the death of Chandy, a two-time Chief Minister of Kerala, on July 18. While the LDF had focussed primarily on the development imbalances in the Assembly segment represented by Chandy for 53 years, the UDF countered the charges by highlighting the 'scams' in which the State government is allegedly involved. The NDA, meanwhile, had set its campaign primarily on the welfare and development programmes implemented by the Union government.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Uttarakhand, east Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Sub-Himalaya West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	13	32.9	26.0	Kozhikode	69	29.0	23.8
Ahmedabad	0.2	35.9	26.2	Kurnool	—	31.6	24.7
Aizawl	8	32.3	21.5	Lucknow	47	32.6	24.4
Allahabad	20.6	32.9	26.0	Madurai	—	37.0	24.7
Bengaluru	4.4	28.5	21.0	Mangaluru	34.2	30.1	23.5
Bhopal	8.5	—	24.4	Mumbai	111	28.8	23.8
Bhubaneswar	7.6	30.3	25.4	Mysuru	—	32.0	23.4
Chandigarh	—	36.0	27.0	New Delhi	—	36.4	26.4
Chennai	56	34.9	23.4	Patna	10	29.6	25.9
Coimbatore	0.2	31.5	22.4	Port Blair	6	30.0	25.4
Dehradun	0.1	34.5	23.4	Puducherry	—	35.6	26.6
Gangtok	14	20.0	18.4	Pune	15.6	24.2	21.4
Goa	24	28.7	23.1	Raipur	8	27.6	25.2
Guwahati	1	30.8	26.2	Ranchi	35	26.4	22.4
Hubballi	—	27.0	23.0	Shillong	24	23.6	17.9
Hyderabad	0.6	28.0	23.6	Shimla	—	28.0	20.0
Imphal	7	29.1	21.7	Srinagar	—	32.0	13.9
Jaipur	—	35.0	27.4	Thiruvananthapuram	10.2	30.5	24.3
Kochi	32	29.0	23.8	Tiruchi	17	35.1	24.0
Kohima	5	28.0	18.6	Vijayawada	3	33.8	25.4
Kolkata	11	30.4	26.0	Visakhapatnam	8	31.8	25.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.25	..—	121	43	...53	
Bengaluru	...9	..26	.71	76	..108	
Chennai	...6	..78	.88	.....—	37	
Delhi	...6	..27	..—	69	..103	
Hyderabad	.10	..36	.19	59	68	
Kolkata	.15	..12	.35	15	24	
Lucknow	...5	..22	.37	19	93	
Mumbai	.25	..49	.51	77	88	
Pune	123	185	108	31	27	
Visakhapatnam	..—	..—	..—	.....—	.....—	.....—

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 232 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Hajipur, Bihar recorded a healthy AQI score of 17

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shanthinagar Division, P.U. Building, 9th Floor, M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560001
No.: EE/SN/TEND/08/2023-24 Date: 08.09.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-Procurement Portal)

The Executive Engineer (Shanthinagar Division), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders form eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for the works detailed in the table below. **(Standard Tender Document-K/W-1)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (In Rupees)
1	Establishment of Temporary Immersion tank for the occasion of Ganesha Festival in Shanthinagar Sub Division. (Ward No.: SN Sub Division)	3.72	9,300/-
2	Establishment of Temporary Immersion tank for the occasion of Ganesha Festival in Domlur Sub Division. (Ward No.: Dom Sub Division)	5.58	13,950/-

Calender of events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka. **(2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **15.09.2023**. **(3)** Date of opening of Tenders is on **16.09.2023** upto **4:00 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or e-Procurement Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shanthinagar Division, BBMP

Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Area Planning Authority
No. 5, Second Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560009. Tel: 080-22341230/35, E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com
No:BMICAPA/CLU-03/17/2023-24/810 Date: 08-09-2023

PUBLICATION
(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Smt. Ramamma W/o Late Marigowda, Smt. Sakamma D/o Late Marigowda, Smt. Chandramma D/o Late Marigowda and Sri. Shivamurthy S/o Late Marigowda Owners of Sy.No.137/7 and Smt. Javanamma W/o Late Siddegowda, Sri. Siddaraju S/o Late Siddegowda and Sri Para Siddegowda, Smt. Nagamma D/o Late Siddegowda Owners of Sy No.137/8 those who made sale agreement with Sri Akif Ahad S/o Mukhtar Ahamed, Managing Partner of M/s Eminence Venture have applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from "Agriculture" Zone to "Residential" purpose under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining Sy.No.137/7 Extent 00Acre-38 Guntas and Sy.No.137/8 Exent 00Acre-38 Guntas totally meauring 01Acre-36 Guntas of Hampapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following:

1. If this land is developed and layout formed, sites will be available at reasonable rates to middle income group and Economically weaker section.
2. At the time of carving and designing the Layout, there will be job opportunities to labours.
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Sd/- Member Secretary, B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bangalore
DIPR/CP/RO1239/AAPL/2023-24

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SPECIAL DIVISION, HUNSUR
PWD Special Division, Hunsur.
IFT No.05/2023-24 Date:06.09.2023
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka the undersigned has invited itemised tender for improvements To Road from Kalenahalli To Hosakote Koppalu To join Hosur From Km 7.00 To 9.68 In K.R.Nagara Taluk work related to Hunsur Division as per terms and conditions of "standard tender documents from the eligible registered contractors under PWD through kppp Portal. Tender documents is downloaded from the **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website **Dt:06.09.2023** And Last date for submission of filled tender documents is **Dt: 13.09.2023 upto 16.00 Hours.** Amount put to tender **Rs.327.64 Lakhs,** EMD amount **Rs.491500/-** Period for completion of works (including monsoon) 6-Months. For more details visit the undersigned during office working hours.

Executive Engineer
PWD, Special Division, Hunsur
DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/308/23-24

Town Municipal Council Office, Naragunda
Dist : Gadag, Phone/Fax : 08377-244227
Email : naragundtmc@gmail.com
SI.N.TMC/Legacy Waste/E-Tender/2023-24 Date: 06.09.2023

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

In terms of the Karnataka Transparency Act 1999-2000 and as per e-procurement system for 2023-24 Bio-Remedation of Legacy Waste under SBM 2.0 and municipal fund, tenders are invited by eligible contractors who are registered under PWD, for further details eligible contractors can go through the e-Procurement web site: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp** or **www.naragundatown.mrc.gov.in/** and submit the tenders through online only as per mentioned date.

1) Tender submission last date and time through E - Procurement : **21-09-2023** 4.00 PM
2) DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT900/Call-2) Rs. **157.16** Lakhs

Sd/- Chief Officer, TMC, Naragund **Sd/- Administration TMC, Naragund**
DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/165/2023-24

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project

SL. NO.	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount	Bid Submission Last Date
1	Selection of Contractor for Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Automated Mechanized Multi Level Car Parking System at Putharikkandam, Thiruvananthapuram on EPC Mode	2023_SCTLT_599014_1	Rs.20,00,00,000/-	28/09/2023
2	Development of Smart Roads for Road works and water supply works in ABD area Under Smart City Mission (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram Kuriyathi Road ID 182	2023_SCTLT_552524_4	Rs.1,33,51,123/-	19/09/2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail.
All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website.
Bids are only accepted online on the Website **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in**

(sd/-) **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby informed that my client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners **Sri. K. Harindranath and others.** The owners represent that they have acquired the Schedule Property through inheritance and registered partition deed, and they are in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the same. Apart from them, there is/are no other person/s having any sort of right/s, title, interest/s or claim/s over the same and they have not either mortgaged, liened or encumbered the Schedule Property or part thereof in any manner. The owners further represent that they have not entered into any sort of registered/unregistered Agreement of Sale, MoU/MoA, GPA/Will, etc., with any third parties regarding conveyance/sale of the Schedule Property. That if, any person/s having objection/s or claim/s for the said purchase of the Schedule Property, he/she/they/it may/shall with documentary evidence lodge his/her/their/its claim/s **within Ten (10) days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed to purchase the Schedule Property, as if there is/are no claims over the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF converted lands bearing Sy.Nos.174/4, measuring 0.10 guntas, 174/5, measuring 0.09.08 guntas, 174/6, measuring 0.06.02 guntas and 174/7, measuring 0.05.08 guntas, earlier formed portions of old Sy.No.174/1A1, previously 174/1A of Hoodi Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and bounded as follows:

	Sy.No.174/4, marked as Plot No.2 as per sketch	Sy.No.174/5, marked as Plot No.3 as per sketch	Sy.No.174/6, marked as Plot No.4 as per sketch	Sy.No.174/7, marked as Plot No.5 as per sketch
East By	30 feet Road	Private Property	Private Property	PrivateProperty
West By	Property belongs to Munithayappa	Property belongs to Munithayappa	30 feet Road	30 feet Road
North by	Plot No.1, New Hissa Sy.No. 174/ 1A 1	Road and Plot Nos. 2&4, New Hissa Sy. Nos. 174/4 and 174/6	Plot No.5, New Hissa Sy.No.174/7	Plot No.6, New Hissa Sy.No. 174/8, now road
South By	Plot No.3, New Hissa Sy.No.174/5	Property belongs to Munithayappa and Biddanna plus excess kharab land	Plot No.3, New Hissa Sy.No. 174/5 then No.174/1A1	Plot No.4,New Hissa Sy.No.174/6

Sd/-
JYOTHI HP & CO.
Advocates and Legal Consultants
99/A, 1st Floor, 'Sri Rama Arcade',6th Cross, 16th Main Road, Industries & Commerce Layout,Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560 040.
Mobile Nos.9880853751 & 9353758718.
Date: 09.09.2023
Place: Bengaluru

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01	Providing Electrification to the Four Lane Road with Electrical Lighting in Kumuta - Kadamadagi Road (SH 48) from ch. 116.66 to 117.56 km in Shiralakoppa Municipal Limits Shikaripura Taluk. PWD/2023-24/EL/ WORK_INDENT3439.	ರೂ. 46.51 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
02	Providing Street Light to Women's Polytechnic College in Shiralakoppa Town Shikaripura Taluk. PWD/2023-24/EL/ WORK_INDENT3441.	ರೂ. 13.71 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
03	Providing Electrification to the Additional Civil Judge Quarters at Shiralakoppa Taluk in Shimoga Dist. PWD/2023-24/EL/ WORK_INDENT3288.	ರೂ. 7.72 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hebbala Division, Queen's Road, Bengaluru
Date: 08.09.2023

CORRIGENDUM-1

Ref: Tender Notification No: EE(H)AE/E-TND/02/2023-24 date: 05.09.2023

Attention of the intending contractors is drawn to tender notification referred above. The following changes may kindly be noted.

• Corrigendum for the above Tender Notification is hereby issued to rectify the Estimated Cost Dates as stated below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works/Category	Estimate Cost in (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD in (Thousands)
1.	Providing Mobile Immersion Tanks in Ward No. 18, 19, 20 and 21 in Hebbala Sub Division (General)	4.96	12400.00
2.	Providing Mobile Immersion Tanks in Ward No. 22, 33, 34 and 46 in J C Nagar Sub Division (General)	4.96	12400.00

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents can be Uploaded in e-portal on **08.09.2023** onwards. (2) Last Date for Uploading the Filled Proposals is **14.09.2023** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Date of Opening of Financial Proposals is **15.09.2023** after **11:00** am.

All other terms and conditions remain unaltered.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Hebbala Division

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Announcement of short term Tender

A Short term Tender has been invited by the Directorate of Minorities for providing Pre Examination training for the IAS & KAS Examinations to Minority students at HAJ Bhavan, Bengaluru, for the year 2023-24. The Schedule of Tender will be as follows. Interested bidders can apply online through the e-procurement portal.

(1) Date of Tender Publication: **07.09.2023**, **(2)** Tender amount: **Rs. 400.00 lakhs**, **(3)** EMD amount: **Rs. 6.00 lakhs, (4)** Pre-bid meeting: **15.09.2023 at11.30 am, (5)** Last date and time for submission of tender: **25.09.2023 By 5.30 pm, (6)** Date and time of technical bid opening : **27.09.2023 at 11.30 am, (7)** Date and time of financial bid opening: **30.09.2023 at 11.30 am, (8)** Place of tender opening and contact address: **Moulana Azad Bhawan, No.16 C, Miller tank Bed Road, Vasantnagar, Bangalore-52. (9)** Telephone number to be contact: 080-22535902, 080-22535912.

Other details can be obtained from the website of the Directorate of Minorities **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in** and e-procurement website at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
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Eastern hedge

India needs to build closer ties with ASEAN for economic, strategic reasons

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's whistle-stop summit sojourn to the Indonesian capital of Jakarta earlier this week was primarily aimed at deepening India's engagement with the economically significant grouping of 10 Southeast Asian nations. Coming on the eve of India's hosting of the G-20 summit in New Delhi as the current holder of the bloc's presidency, Mr. Modi's presence at the annual ASEAN-India summit was an opportunity to cement traditional ties with the neighbouring Asian economies at a time of heightened global trade uncertainty. As the trade facilitation body UNCTAD noted in its June 21 'Global Trade Update', the 'outlook for global trade in the second half of 2023 is pessimistic as negative factors' including downgraded world economic forecasts, persistent inflation, financial vulnerabilities and geopolitical tensions dominate. Against this backdrop, the joint leaders' statement on 'Strengthening Food Security and Nutrition in Response to Crises' at the ASEAN-India summit underscores the shared vulnerability the region perceives in the face of the ongoing heightened global food insecurity, which has been exacerbated by the war in Ukraine, climate change and national policy responses to inflationary pressures. India's recent curbs on export of rice have triggered some alarm, with the prices of the regional staple reportedly nearing a 15-year high. The onset of an El Niño, which is historically associated with disruptive weather events, queers the ground further, and ASEAN leaders are justifiably wary.

Mr. Modi's pitch, laying stress on the need for a rules-based post-COVID-19 world order and a free and open Indo-Pacific, was clearly directed at members among the Asian bloc who are increasingly disquieted by China's recent muscle flexing and claims over the South China Sea. The Prime Minister's not-so-veiled message to the ASEAN members is that India is a more reliable long-term strategic and economic partner, which has no territorial ambitions that could discomfit them. India also sought to position itself as a voice to amplify the concerns of the Global South, stressing that it would be mutually beneficial for all. For India, grappling as it is with an underwhelming free trade agreement (FTA) with the 10-nation grouping, trade ties with the eastern economies have grown in volume but asymmetrically, with imports far outpacing the country's exports. The widening trade deficit and the perception that Chinese goods are taking advantage of lower tariffs under the FTA to find their way into the Indian market, have among other factors precipitated a review of the pact that is likely to be completed in 2025. In the meantime, India needs to stay closely engaged with the ASEAN members both as a trade hedge against the slowdown in its main western markets and to highlight its significance as an all-weather ally.

One nation, 7 polls

The bypolls across the country were decided by local factors

Bypolls in seven Assembly segments in six States across the country threw up mixed political signals. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won three and Opposition parties won four. There is no national pattern to be sought in these elections that answer widely different situations and calculations, but the polls do offer pointers to local shifts. In Ghosi in Uttar Pradesh, the BJP's Dara Singh Chauhan lost the election to the Samajwadi Party (SP) candidate. Mr. Chauhan represented a pattern of BJP expansion through defections and allurement. He was the sitting SP MLA who crossed over to the saffron party and sought re-election as a BJP MLA. The SP candidate was supported by the Congress, the CPI(M) and the CPI(ML)-Liberation, broadly the INDIA bloc of Opposition parties in the State. Uttar Pradesh is critical for the BJP's fortunes in 2024, and the Ghosi by-election had turned high profile after SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, who had been keeping his head down for some time, and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath both campaigned hard. The BJP also sought to reinforce its multi-caste Hindu coalition in the by-election, but it did not find favour with voters in the end. The BJP retained a seat in Uttarakhand, while it lost a sitting seat in West Bengal to the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC). The ruling Jharkhand Mukti Morcha retained Dumri in Jharkhand.

Dhupguri in West Bengal witnessed a combination of INDIA bloc parties facing off against another constituent, while Puthuppally in Kerala had the parties in the combination fighting each other. In Dhupguri, the CPI(M) and the Congress jointly opposed a third INDIA partner TMC, and finished a distant third. The TMC is eager to prevent an alliance between the Congress and the CPI(M), both of which are confused and struggling to survive in West Bengal. In Kerala, fronts led by the CPI(M) and the Congress, clashed for the seat vacated by the death of Congress veteran Oommen Chandy. His son Chandy Oommen romped home comfortably. Though it had repeatedly framed the by-election as a test of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's governance, the Left's stakes in Puthuppally were not as high as they were in Boxanagar in Tripura which it lost for the first time since 1988 to the BJP. The BJP also retained Dhanpur in the State. The CPI(M) has alleged electoral malpractices and violence by the ruling BJP in Tripura. The outcomes were largely decided by local factors, but they also indicate the political winds in the respective regions.

An overhaul, the criminal law Bills, and the big picture

R.K. Vij

is a retired Indian Police Service officer

The central government introduced three Bills in Parliament in August. Called the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 and the Bharatiya Sakshya (BS) Bill, 2023 they are to replace the existing Indian Penal Code, 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, respectively. Though some amendments have been made and gaps filled through judicial pronouncements, the statutes have stood the test of time. It is worth examining how the proposed changes will impact law enforcement agencies.

The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita

There is an explicit provision in the BNSS on the registration of a cognisable offence in any police station, irrespective of the area where the offence is committed. Though this practice (known as recording first information report, or FIR at Zero) has been in use for many years now, its formal inclusion in the BNSS may help complainants get their cases registered as a matter of right without running around.

A provision has been added to permit the conduct of a preliminary inquiry to ascertain the existence of a *prima facie* case even if the information discloses commission of a cognisable offence punishable with more than three years but less than seven years of imprisonment. This is at variance with the ratio of the Supreme Court judgment in *Lalita Kumari versus Govt. of Uttar Pradesh* (2013), where it was held that the police have no option but to register an FIR if the information discloses commission of a cognisable offence. Though certain categories were carved out to conduct a preliminary inquiry, this was only to ascertain commission of a cognisable offence and not check their truthfulness.

As there does not seem to be an intelligent differentia vis-à-vis the rest of the cognisable cases with overall objective of the provision, this differentiation may not stand scrutiny in constitutional courts. Nevertheless, this clause has advantages and disadvantages. The parties at dispute may arrive at a compromise in the given limit of 14 days to conduct a preliminary inquiry, or cases may not turn out to be true, *prima facie*, to proceed further. On the other hand, the police may misuse this period and avoid registering even true cases.

All provisions of the CrPC on arrest have been retained in the BNSS. It would have been appropriate to include the ratio of the Supreme Court judgment in *Arnesh Kumar versus State of Bihar* (2014) to justify an arrest by making it mandatory for the police officer to mention reasons of arrest supported with justifiable material, and for the judicial magistrate to record satisfaction and make it a formal part of the BNSS.

A new clause says that for offences punishable with less than three years of imprisonment, an arrest could be done only with the prior permission of Deputy Superintendent of Police if the accused person is infirm or is aged over 60. This may provide some relief to these two categories of persons provided the Deputy Superintendent of Police uses the clause judicially.

> While some of the proposed changes are progressive, the larger issue is about the need for police reformation taken up in its entirety

The new Codes provide for handcuffing in at least a dozen categories of persons who are accused of serious offences *inter alia* such as one who commits a terrorist act, murder, rape, acid attack or offence against the state. This is sure to help police, who may be short staffed, to secure their custody. But the enabling section that guides handcuffing has not changed. It says that 'the person arrested shall not be subjected to more restraint than is necessary to prevent his escape'. Therefore, the investigating officer will still have to justify handcuffing with the possibility of escape (or physical attack) when such criminals are produced before court. Since the constitutional provision and enabling provision of the law remain unaltered, the Supreme Court's guidelines on handcuffing will still prevail.

At the scene of crime

The new Sanhita provides for a mandatory visit of the crime scene by a forensic expert and the collection of forensic evidence for offences punishable with more than seven years of imprisonment. But on realisation of the ground reality (of limited forensic infrastructure at field level), a maximum five years of leverage has been given to State governments to bring this clause into operation. Therefore, unless State governments commit themselves to the provision of sufficient resources for the development of forensic infrastructure (technology and manpower), the impact of this change may not be visible soon. The Sanhita rightly encourages the use of audio-video means in recording the various steps of investigation; this includes searches. However, the preferred use of smartphones (as recommended) has its limitations. The Supreme Court in *Shafhi Mohammad vs The State Of Himachal Pradesh* (2018) directed the Ministry of Home Affairs and States to develop facilities for the videography and photography of crime scenes during investigation at the level of the police station. A pilot project is in progress, and this needs to be taken forward to ensure that the provisions of the new Code are implemented in their true spirit.

Despite a ban on the two-finger test in a case of rape, and this test having been termed by the Supreme Court to be unscientific and violative of the dignity and privacy of a rape victim/survivor (in *Lillu @ Rajesh & Anr vs State Of Haryana*, 2013), the ban does not have a place in the Code. Since the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had also issued similar instructions, with guidelines for the medical examination, this was a good opportunity for the central government to have ensured compliance of its own instructions in a legal way.

On the disclosure of identity of victim/survivor of rape, the provision of giving authorisation (to disclose identity) to the next of kin in case the victim is minor, may also be omitted as the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, which exclusively deals with this issue and does not have a similar provision. The Supreme Court in *Nipun Saxena vs Union Of India* (2018) also expressed reservations as the next of kin may not be an appropriate party to delegate such authority.

Duration of police custody

A provision in the Sanhita that has raised the eyebrows of critics is the increase in the period of police custody exceeding 15 days, as provided in the CrPC. This may help the police to interrogate an accused person again if additional evidence is found during an investigation. However, there are two caveats to this provision. First, there must be adequate grounds to permit an extension. Second, the 15 day limit can be exceeded only after the initial 40 days or 60 days out of a total detention of 60 days or 90 days (depending on whether an offence is punishable with imprisonment of up to 10 years, or more). The accused will still be eligible to be released on default bail after a total detention of 60 days or 90 days, as provided in the CrPC. Thus, the discretion to permit additional police custody rests with the judiciary.

The Sanhita also proposes enlarging the scope of judicial inquiry into suspicious deaths by including dowry deaths, but relaxes the provision of the mandatory recording of statement of a woman, a male under the age of 15 or above 60 (65 years in the CrPC) at the place of their residence based on their willingness. It is hoped that this provision is not misused by the police, especially in crimes against women and children.

A standing order that could have been included in the Sanhita with respect to inquest is the videography and photography of a post-mortem, particularly in cases where it is a custodial death or is a death caused in an exchange of fire with the police or other authorities. The Supreme Court and the National Human Rights Commission of India have repeatedly asked States to comply with such instructions. Another observation of the Court to make a spot sketch of the scene of crime drawn on scale by a draftsman in order to make it admissible in court, could also be included in the Sanhita to improve the quality of investigation.

Overall, some of the proposed changes are definitely progressive in nature, but cannot be termed as path-breaking or radical. What must not be forgotten is that police stations are generally under-staffed, have poor mobility, insufficient training infrastructure and poor housing facilities. Police personnel work under stressful conditions. Therefore, the colonial mindset will go only if police reformation is taken up in its entirety and not just by tweaking some provisions of the applicable laws.

The views expressed are personal

Change the playbook, repatriate Indian children

Justice Ajit Prakash Shah

is a former Chief Justice of the Madras and Delhi High Courts, and a former Chairperson of the Law Commission of India

Priyadarshini Patil, Dhara Shah and Sagarika Chakraborty are among several expatriate Indian mothers who have been/were separated from their children by their host states, in a gross violation of human rights that affect the well-being of the mothers, their children and their families.

After her children were confiscated by Australian child services authorities, and the family's pleas to have the children repatriated to India fell on deaf ears, a distraught Patil, a mother of two, working in the IT industry, was driven to despair. She ended her life. According to news reports, the Australian child protection authorities had been called in by doctors in Australia against whom the mother had filed a complaint of mistreatment when her elder child was admitted in a hospital for treatment.

In Germany, Shah, along with her software engineer-husband, have been separated from their baby girl, now 2.5 years old, who was sent to permanent foster care by Germany's child welfare agency in 2021, after the parents were accused of having injured the child. Despite evidence to the contrary supported by expert medical reports, neither the parents nor the doctors accusing them of injury were cross examined. The police investigation was also closed without charges over a year ago, and the court's own appointed psychological expert recommended that the child be placed under supervision at a parent-and-child centre. But the court ignored all this in its decision. The Indian government has intervened, asking for the baby's return to Indian child protection authorities, but Germany is yet to relent.

> Foreign nations should engage in a sincere inquiry of Indian parents' claims of cultural prejudice and unfair trials in their child protection system

A similar playbook

These cases, across different jurisdictions, have increased in frequency over the years, and follow a similar playbook.

A young family moves to work in a high-income country. The parents are accused of abusing their children, either by the school where the child is struggling to adjust to foreign ways, or a hospital when they take their injured or sick child for treatment. They are subjected to a trial that is very one-sided, with assessments by social workers who are culturally prejudiced. Parental custody is terminated. The child and its siblings are then placed in foster care for the entirety of their childhood. Contact with parents is either completely barred or limited to one hour every few weeks in a dingy contact centre. Very soon the child is completely alienated from its parents.

Typically, these children are placed with local foster carers, without ethnic or cultural links with the child's origins. Consequently, these children lose their identity and are unable to develop any bonds with their country of origin or their extended families. They emerge from foster care doubly alienated – they are not citizens of the country of residence, and also have no substantial ties with their country of origin. With some exceptions, the family, including the children, are Indian citizens.

In ordinary circumstances, when removed from parental custody, children are entitled to care from extended family. But since there are none in the country of residence, these children do not have that option. This is precisely where the playbook needs to change.

A return is more humane

A return to safe placement in the home country is inarguably a more humane and compassionate solution for such children, instead of leaving them in the custody of a foreign state.

Sagarika Chakraborty, who inspired the characterisation in the film, *Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway* – a case of a Bengali family whose children were taken away in Norway, and repatriated after strong intervention by India – managed to raise her children well since their return. There are many other examples of children repatriated under similar circumstances who have grown up happy and well-adjusted in India.

Foreign nations should shed their sanctimonious views and engage in a sincere inquiry of the parents' claims of cultural prejudice and unfair trials in their child protection system. Moreover, regardless of parental behaviour, the fate of these children must be considered on broader grounds than on a mere technical consideration of the place of residence. Persisting with a moralising stance while ignoring cultural sensitivities and separating children from their (even extended) families is an abuse of child's rights in itself.

Decision-makers and governments must, in each case, determine the benefits of returning such children to their home country, where they can live with extended family, and grow up in familiar cultures.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grain export

One hopes that a compromise will be worked out between the leaders of Russia, Turkey, the European Union and UN officials at the G-20 summit as far as the Black Sea Grain Initiative is concerned. A breakthrough will give a fillip to India's image as a global peacemaker.

Nalini Vijayaraghavan,
Thiruvananthapuram

The real meaning

The comment by a DMK Minister that the ideologies of 'Sanatana Dharma' are 'oppressive' and the practices based on them should be 'eradicated', appears to violate his oath of office. The utterance has resulted in political controversy, which has spread nationally. The truth is that the whole episode could have been avoided. The Minister appears to be ignorant about what 'Sanatana Dharma' is.

P.R.V. Raja,
Pandalam, Kerala

Truth, peace, love and tolerance constitute the base and walls of 'Sanatana Dharma'. In multi-religious India, people of different faiths agree with the truth of 'Sanatana Dharma' and express the same truth in their styles.

R. Pichumani,
Thippirajapuram, Tamil Nadu

It is unfortunate that some in the political class have not understood the real meaning of the concept. Translated in English, it quite simply means 'eternal duty or 'way of living'. It propagates basic values in an individual such as honesty, refraining from injuring living beings, purity, goodwill, mercy, patience, forbearance, self-restraint and generosity. The Minister should appreciate the good things and traits postulated and not have castigated it the way he has done.

Gopalaswamy J.,
Chennai

There are some in the political class who clearly do not seem to understand the actual meaning of the word. It is a way of life — an eternal, righteous way for better coexistence of all living creatures ("*Shanno astu Dwipade sham Chatushpade*" — let auspiciousness prevail upon two-legged (humans) and four-legged ones. Further, it means that "there is no religion higher than truth". The name *Bhaarata* also signifies this philosophy of 'Sanatana Dharma', emphasising the secularism of the Constitution. Therefore, the many ignorant people (politicians) must understand that 'Sanatana Dharma' is real secularism (not a religion).

V.P. Dhananjayan,
Chennai

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Remains of the Aadi Aiyanar Kovil, or the shrine of the local deity of Tamil Hindus, located in Kurunthurmalai, Mullaitivu district in Sri Lanka's Northern Province. The site has become a flashpoint of ethnic and communal tensions, as Sinhala-Buddhists claim it as their heritage spot, amid controversial archaeological excavation and restoration work. MEERA SRINIVASAN

The slippery slope to the Kurunthurmalai hilltop

Fourteen years after the civil war, Tamils in Sri Lanka's north and east are confronted with a new conflict. There are growing contestations over land, sparked by Buddhist structures springing up in a 'restoration' drive. **Meera Srinivasan** reports on how archaeological excavations are the latest manifestation of a lingering ethnic conflict

It takes barely 10 minutes to reach the Kurunthurmalai hilltop, but the climb requires some manoeuvring of the uneven, slippery slope. Clutching the thick, white rope tied to tree trunks along the path is a safer option to get to the solitary spot that has now turned into a site of fierce contestation in Sri Lanka's northern Mullaitivu district.

Tamils from the surrounding Thannimurippu area, who have frequented the location for years to offer prayers to *Aadi Aiyanar* (their local Siva deity), have been contending with disruptions to their regular prayers by Sinhalese mobs led by Buddhist monks, and increased security and surveillance. The latest episode was in August, during a special *pongal* prayer ceremony.

Bhaskaran Susilathevi, 57, a resident of Thannimurippu, is appalled by the turn of events. "A Buddhist vihara has been built there. The Sinhalese want to come and worship at Kurunthurmalai, but we are not allowed to go to our temple. We have a majoritarian government that is not afraid to violate a court order," she says, her voice reflecting both rage and resignation. Her terse summary echoed the prevalent sentiment among Tamils who have returned to their homes after being displaced by the war.

For many like Susilathevi, intimately familiar with the terrain around the Siva temple, the rapid structural changes on the premises are disorienting. An imposing, unfinished brick-stone stupa stands a few yards from the Hindu place of worship. A plaque on dull-grey granite is installed beside it, with a note on the "Kurundi stupa's glorious history" and its lotus-shaped design. The inscription credits the Bauddhaloka Foundation, the chief incumbent of the local Buddhist temple; the Department of Archaeology; and the "effortless contributions" of the Sri Lanka Army and Civil Security Force for the "excavation and conservation". It mirrors the state apparatus as Sri Lanka's minorities know it, neatly framing government authorities, the Buddhist clergy, and the military together in stone.

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> Resident of Thannimurippu

Escalating tensions

For the Sri Lankan state and Sinhalese at large, the end of the civil war between the armed forces and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in 2009 marked the beginning of peace. For the Tamils living in the island's north and east, the 14 years after the battle ended – its final phase unfolded in Mullaitivu with tens of thousands of civilians being killed – have been a relentless daily struggle for truth, justice, land, and livelihoods. From their viewpoint, the ethnic conflict that triggered the war remains unresolved. Archaeological excavation is its latest manifestation.

Kurunthurmalai and 78 acres around it have been part of an archaeological reserve since 1933, when the British colonial government gazetted it as a protected area. All the same, Tamils in the area continued visiting the hilltop temple and worshipped a trident, a symbol of *Aadi Aiyanar* or Siva, as their ancestors had done.

Trouble began in 2018, when a group of Sinhalese, led by Buddhist monks, tried to install a Buddha statue at the location. Stiff resistance from locals prompted the police to intervene. However, amid recurring claims that the site contains ruins of an ancient Buddhist shrine, authorities in the former Gotabaya Rajapaksa government ordered fresh excavations. The new "research" was ceremonially launched in January 2021 by then State Minister, Vidura Wickramanayaka, who is now the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs. In a blatant violation of an earlier court order, a Buddha statue was placed at the contested site. Visuals of the minister, accompanied by uniformed soldiers, offering prayers went viral at the time.

Recalling the incident in Parliament in April 2023, Jaffna legislator M.A. Sumanthiran said soldiers "broke the trident" worshipped by the Hindu Tamils and "threw it into the shrubs". He pointed to the Archaeology Department's logo and told the House: "What does it have? It has a dagoba [a dome-shaped shrine common in Buddhist temple architecture] and a Dharmachakra [symbol used to represent the Buddha's dharma]. It is like the Ministry of Buddhasasana. Why does the Department of Archaeology have a logo of one religion? That shows what this department is protecting, and what it is determined to destroy." Sumanthiran also referred to similar tensions in Vedukkunarimalai in the neighbouring district of Vavuniya.

Sri Lanka's Department of Archaeology functions under the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs. The Minister, Wickramanayaka, was not reachable for a response. When contacted, Secretary to the Ministry Somaratne Vidanapathirana said, "It is unethical to comment on this when cases [on Kurunthurmalai] are pending in our courts."

Politics of history

Where an ethnic conflict lingers, the politics of interpreting history and heritage must be carefully scrutinised, experts point out. According to Nirmal Ranjith Dewasiri, Professor of History at the University of Colombo, history is often used as an ideological and cultural tool by dominant communities at the expense of others. "In the case of the contested site at Kurunthurmalai, it is highly problematic that some link the site to a particular ethnic identity. While [archaeological] evidence may suggest that the site was linked to certain Buddhist practices, we don't know the ethnic identity of the people who engaged in those practices," he notes.

Indicating that history, in this instance, is more about the present than the past, Dewasiri says: "Claims that the community that lived in these sites was Sinhala-Buddhist are mainly driven by contemporary political compulsions; they are not evidence-based."

That is perhaps why Tamils have lost faith in the Archaeology Department. "We are not opposed to archaeological research that is carried out scientifically and professionally. But when the department furthers a political project by building new Buddhist shrines in our area in the name of restoration, we cannot accept that," says Thurairajah Raviharan, a political activist based in Mullaitivu.

A stupa has come up in Kurunthurmalai just a few yards away from the Tamils' place of worship. MEERA SRINIVASAN

He believes that Tamils would have had more administrative powers over land if the provincial councils had been functional. The 13th Amendment to the Sri Lankan Constitution, introduced following the Indo-Lanka Accord of 1987, led to the creation of nine provincial councils. It assured a power-sharing arrangement to enable all of them to self-govern to an extent. But with subsequent governments postponing elections to the provincial councils, their terms stand expired for about five years now. Raviharan is a former Tamil National Alliance member of the now-defunct Northern Provincial Council.

"We do not think that the 13th Amendment is our final political solution to the Tamil national question, but its full implementation would have given us some power to deal with land conflicts," he says. The contentious power devolution that Raviharan refers to is long pending, despite the Tamil leadership's relentless demand for it. In his latest pledge on the 35-year-old legislation, President Ranil Wickremesinghe offered to implement it without the police powers that it guarantees to the provincial councils. The Tamil parties were quick to reject the proposal.

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"The Archaeology Department not only functions in a centralised manner, but its activities are also highly militarised," says Mahendran Thiruvarangan, an academic at the University of Jaffna. Thiruvarangan, who is also a member of the People's Land Commission, constituted by organisations and individuals working against land grabs across Sri Lanka, says, "These panels looking into archaeology rarely have minorities. We must ask whose histories are foregrounded, whose cultural and religious identities are prioritised in these efforts. What we see in the north and east is that the recent archaeological initiatives not only lack credibility, but are polarising our communities."

'Deliberate project'

Although the threat to land has heightened across the Northern Province's five districts, it is most acutely felt in Mullaitivu. With large expanses of cultivable land and an efficient irrigation system, the coastal district is among the most resource-rich in the region.

"It is clear that they are after our land. What is significant is that land grabs have official sanction now, either through the Forest Department or the Archaeology Department. That makes it harder for us to assert our rights," says Arumugam Shanmugalingam, 64, who lives in Kokkuthoduvai village in Mullaitivu. For long-time residents like him, "conservation" is simply a euphemism for "Sinhala Buddhist colonisation".

The village has recently been in the news after workers laying water pipelines stumbled upon a mass grave, in another reminder of the atrocities yet to be unearthed in the former war zone. After being displaced multiple times since 1984, Shanmugalingam returned to his village only in 2011, to find that large plots of agricultural land held by his family for generations were occupied by migrant Sinhalese families. "I only get to see my land from the fence, like an outsider. They have all been settled here by authorities," he says. The next big conflict, he predicts, will be over water.

While the recent conflicts may seem centred on the district's natural resources, the motivation behind them is more sinister, in his assessment. "Bringing in Sinhalese into this district is a conscious effort to change the demography of this district. You may wonder why Mullaitivu. Remember this is the district that connects the north and east. Changing its composition can forever prevent the merger of these two provinces," he says, referring to yet another demand of the Tamils that figures in the Indo-Lanka Accord.

This accusation adds up with the concern raised by Tamils and Tamil-speaking Muslims living in the Eastern Province, in Kuchchaveli and Pulmoddai towns that border the Northern Province. The drive to construct Buddhist shrines intensified under former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who set up a task force for Archaeological Heritage Management in the Eastern Province in 2020. The all-Sinhalese task force, led by Buddhist monks and top military officials, was tasked with the management of archaeological heritage in the province, "by conserving and restoring such identified sites and antiquities".

Three years since the panel was set up, and more than a year after Rajapaksa was ousted by a people's uprising following the island's economic collapse, at least 23 new Buddhist shrines are coming up in Kuchchaveli in Trincomalee district, in villages where Sinhalese constitute roughly 1% of the population, as per official sources. Recently, Eastern Province Governor Senthil Thondaman directed authorities to prevent any illegal construction of Buddhist shrines in these areas. Enraged Buddhist monks protested against him, storming a meeting he was chairing in Trincomalee and threatening him. "Such constructions are provocative and could cause communal disharmony. We cannot allow that to happen. I told them just that," he says.

Members of the Buddhist clergy have been agitating to assert their claims over "heritage sites" in the north and east and have taken up the matter at the highest level. In June, responding to a monk's letter voicing concern over transferring land ownership to the public in sites where "scattered ruins" of monasteries are said to be present, the President's office said Kurundi Viharaya (the term used by authorities and Sinhalese to refer to the Kurunthurmalai area) "holds significant archaeological value" for Sri Lankans. The office reassured him that no decision had been taken to transfer government lands associated with the temple to any other party.

On the other hand, Tamil legislators too have been raising the matter within Parliament and in meetings with the President. However, despite Wickremesinghe's promise to address the issue, locals see little change on the ground and worry that tensions might aggravate if left unchecked. Referring to the ongoing land conflicts in the island's north and east, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights noted in a 2022 report that the disputes "further jeopardised reconciliation and created new conflicts."

Far from being conciliatory, the recent responses of some southern politicians only validate growing fears of possible escalation in communal discord, hate politics, and physical violence. In August, hardline Sinhala-Buddhist legislator Udaya Gammanpila led a protest outside the outspoken Tamil MP Gajen Ponnambalam's Colombo residence, calling him a "terrorist". In what critics called a glaring abuse of parliamentary privilege, ruling party MP and former Minister Sarath Weerasekara referred to the Mullaitivu magistrate hearing the case as a "mentally ill person", drawing strong condemnation from lawyers. Another controversial former minister, Mervyn Silva, vowed to behead those who obstruct Buddhist monks engaged in building [Buddhist] temples in the north and east.

In a strong judgment on August 31, the Mullaitivu Magistrate Court held that the Archaeology Department had violated three court orders from 2022, by altering the site. The department, tasked with protecting ancient sites, "can't do as it pleases," the judge said. Other cases related to the Kurunthurmalai conflict are pending in the Magistrate Court and the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, locals wait anxiously to see if they can visit their favourite hilltop temple and offer a prayer in peace. "When we went up there those days, it felt really calm and secure. That is all we ask for," says Susilathevi.

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Biden lands in Delhi, holds talks with Modi

The leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the G-20 and expressed confidence that the outcomes of the G-20 Leaders' Summit will advance the shared goals of accelerating sustainable development, bolstering multilateral cooperation, and building global consensus around inclusive economic policies... including "fundamentally reshaping and scaling up multilateral development banks". Following Larsen & Toubro (L&T), which has concluded a second Master Ship Repair Agreement with the U.S. Navy to repair its warships and has so far undertaken three such repairs, Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai has concluded a similar agreement in August 2023. Both sides recommitted to advancing India's emergence as a hub for the maintenance and repair of forward-deployed U.S. Navy assets and other aircraft and vessels, the joint statement said. "The leaders also welcomed further commitments from U.S. industry to invest more in India's maintenance, repair, and overhaul capabilities and facilities for aircraft," it said.

On space cooperation, the leaders welcomed efforts towards establishment of a working group for commercial space collaboration under the existing India-U.S. Civil Space Joint Working Group. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have "commenced discussions on modalities, capacity building, and training for mounting a joint effort to the International Space Station in 2024, and are continuing efforts to finalise a strategic framework for human space flight cooperation by the end of 2023," the statement said. Mr. Biden arrived in New Delhi in the evening, in his maiden visit to India as President. As Mr. Biden disembarked from Air Force One, Gen V. K. Singh (retd), the Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways and Civil Aviation, received him. This was followed by a small cultural performance.

Earlier, interacting with the accompanying U.S. media team aboard Air Force One, U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan, responding to questions on press access, said, "This meeting will be taking place at the Prime Minister's residence. So, it is unusual in that respect. This is not your typical bilateral visit to India with meetings taking place in the Prime Minister's office. This is the host of the G-20 hosting a significant number of leaders, doing so in his home, and he has set out the protocols."

Mr. Biden is expected to visit India again in January-end. As reported by *The Hindu* earlier, efforts are on by India to have the three leaders of Quad grouping [comprising Australia, Japan, the U.S. and India] as chief guests for the Republic Day parade on January 26. Discussions are under way on it, officials said. If it doesn't work out, plan is to invite Mr. Biden alone for the parade.

In June this year, in an "unprecedented" development, the two countries settled six of the outstanding bilateral trade disputes in the WTO. Mr. Biden has been keen to see India join the Indo-Pacific Economic Forum's "Trade" pillar launched in May 2022, which India has so far stayed away from, as reported earlier.

On high technology cooperation, the statement said the U.S. and India intend to undertake a mid-term review of the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) in September 2023 to continue to drive momentum toward the next annual iCET review, co-led by the National Security Advisers of both countries, in early 2024, the statement added.

INDIA wins 4 seats, BJP 3 in Assembly bypolls

In Ghosi, former SP MLA Dara Singh Chauhan, who switched parties and rejoined the BJP, was defeated by a margin of over 42,000 votes by Sudhakar Singh. "It is a win for positive politics and a defeat for negative communal politics... It is Bharat starting towards INDIA's victory," SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said.

In West Bengal, Trinamool candidate Nirmal Chandra Roy won the Dhupguri seat by over 4,313 votes. Tapasi Roy of the BJP, wife of a CRPF jawan killed in a terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir in 2021, got 92,648 votes, officials said. CPI(M) candidate Ishwar Chandra Roy, who was backed by the Congress, was a distant third with 13,666, said officials.

The BJP retained Dhanpur in Tripura and Bageshwar in Uttarakhand. Party president J.P. Nadda hailed the victories in Tripura and Uttarakhand. Tafajjal Hossain of the BJP won the Boxanagar seat in Tripura, where polls were held due to the demise of Shamsul Haque, by 30,237 votes. BJP candidate Bindu Debnath bagged the Dhanpur seat, which was vacated by Union Minister Pratima Bhowmick after winning in the Assembly election in February, by 18,871 votes. Kaushik Chanda of the CPI(M) got 11,146 votes.

Parwati Dass of the BJP defeated Basant Kumar of the Congress by more than 2,400 votes in Bageshwar in Uttarakhand.

The Opposition alliance tasted victory in Jharkhand, where the JMM retained the Dumri Assembly seat, and in Uttar Pradesh, where the SP won the Ghosi seat. Bebi Devi of the JMM won in Dumri in Giridih district by defeating Yashoda Devi of the All Jharkhand Student Union, an NDA constituent, by over 17,000 votes. ". In Kerala and West Bengal, the INDIA bloc parties were not in alliance. The Congress-led United Democratic Front retained the Puthuppally Assembly seat in Kerala as its candidate, Chandy Oommen, son of the late Oommen Chandy, defeated the LDF candidate, Jaick C. Thomas, by a margin of over 37,000 votes.

Two killed in violence near Kuki-Zo settlement

Eight armed miscreants, three security personnel sustain bullet injuries; over 40 women injured during mob-control exercise; several Kuki-Zo community members take refuge in BSF, AR camps

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Two persons were killed and several injured amid heavy firing between armed miscreants and security forces near a Kuki-Zo settlement at Pallel in Tengnoupal district of Manipur on Friday.

Unidentified armed miscreants fired at the security personnel at the gates of the sector headquarters of the Assam Rifles (AR) in Pallel as a crowd of women blocked the movement of the Central security forces, a defence source said.

More than 40 women were injured during mob-control exercise. At least eight armed miscreants and three security force personnel sustained bullet injuries. Intermittent firing continued in the area, with the crowd blocking security forces at multiple locations at Pallel, Kakching and Imphal West.

Hundreds of Kuki-Zo people took refuge in the camps of Border Security Force (BSF) and the Assam Rifles nearby. Several houses and commercial establishments, including one belonging to a BJP leader, were burnt down. The Manipur police posted on X, "There are posts on social media regarding exchange of fire between Kuki militants and Meitei village volunteers, which is not correct. It is clarified that the incident was related to firing between security forces and armed miscreants at Pallel." One of the deceased was identified as Jiten, 47, from Kakching.

Sources say armed miscreants fired at a particular community in the Molnoi area and security forces responded to it. FILE PHOTO

"Eight armed miscreants suffered bullet injuries, one civilian who was part of the mob was killed," said Luikham Lanmiyo, Superintendent of Police, Tengnoupal.

Though locals claimed that a Kuki-Zo village guard Paokholen Haokip, 32, a resident of Molnoi village, was killed in the attack, Mr. Lanmiyo said they were yet to confirm the death. Another "miscreant" who could not be identified was also killed on Friday, a police source said.

There were two incidents reported near the Pallel township, which is located on the boundary of Kakching and Tengnoupal districts.

The source said that armed miscreants fired at a particular community in the Molnoi area which was responded by security forces and subsequently a crowd gathered. Women groups gheraoed the sector headquarters of the Assam Rifles. "This area reported no violence so far. Those who attacked our village were outsiders. We know our neighbours, none of them were involved in the attack. The men have stayed back in the villages while women, children and older people are taking refuge in district headquarters in Tengnoupal," a villager from Monloi said. She said the community members asked them to vacate the houses at 5.30 a.m. on Friday after the movement of outsiders was noticed in the area.

An 85-year old Kuki woman was rescued by the police in Pallel and handed over to district authorities in Tengnoupal.

The Manipur government warned public servants from skipping office in the wake of a "Statewide curfew" called by a civil society group on September 8 and 9. Chief Secretary Vineet Joshi appealed to the general public, including public functionaries, to continue performing normal activities and functions during the Statewide curfew announced by the Thoubal and Kakching District Apunba Lup.

Another order said that "no casual leave or any other leave shall be granted to any [government] employee and no salary will be admissible in the absence of employees on the said day." The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), a Meitei group, claimed that over 80 people, mostly unarmed women and teenagers were injured.

14 cr. deprived of food entitlements due to lack of Census: Cong.

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Jairam Ramesh

Attacking the government on the eve of the G-20 Summit, the Congress on Friday called the delay in conducting the Census, due in 2021, an "unprecedented failure" that had led to an estimated 14 crore people being excluded from their food entitlements.

The party also accused the government of "suppressing" data that it found "inconvenient".

"Nearly every other G-20 country has managed to conduct the Census, despite COVID-19, including other developing countries like Indonesia, Brazil, and South Africa. The Modi government is so inept and incompetent that it has been unable to carry out India's most important statistical exercise that has been conducted on schedule since 1951. This is an unprecedented failure in the history of our nation," Congress general secretary (organisation) Jairam Ramesh said in a statement here.

In the absence of the Census, he said, an estimated 14 crore Indians were being excluded from their food entitlements under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). Under the NFSA, 67% of Indians are entitled to food rations. Since the Modi government failed to conduct the Census in 2021, it only offers the NFSA coverage to 81 crore people based on the 2011 Census, whereas 95 crore Indians are entitled to the NFSA coverage, going by current estimates of the population, he said.

Caste Census

Mr. Ramesh also attacked the government for suppressing the data of the 2011 Socio-Economic Caste Census. He said the government also opposed the State-level caste census in Bihar. "Without establishing the count, categorisation and characterisation of the most numerous OBC population, it is impossible to ensure adequate development and social justice for all Indians. We firmly believe in the principle of parity not charity, for which the Caste Census is essential," Mr. Ramesh said.

The Congress leader said the Modi government "discredits, discards, or even discontinues collecting any data that it finds inconvenient to its narrative".

6 Opposition CMs may skip dinner hosted by President

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The G-20 dinner hosted by President Droupadi Murmu is expected to have a thin attendance of Opposition leaders as the Chief Ministers of at least six of the 12 non-BJP-ruled States are likely to skip the event.

Two former Prime Ministers, Manmohan Singh and H.D. Deve Gowda, also will not attend the dinner.

According to sources, Ashok Gehlot of Rajasthan, Siddaramaiah of Karnataka and Bhupesh Baghel of Chhattisgarh are not heading for Delhi.

Among the attendees are Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu.

Rahul Gandhi attacks govt. for not inviting Kharge to G-20 gala dinner

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NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Friday that the government not extending an invitation to the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha for the G-20 gala dinner shows that it does not value the leader of "60% of India's population". The dinner is being hosted by President Droupadi Murmu.

Speaking at a press interaction at the Brussels Press Club, Mr. Gandhi, who is in Europe on a week-long tour, said: "They have decided not to invite the leader of Opposition. It tells you that they don't value the leader of 60% of India's population. Why are they feeling the need to do that and what is the type of thinking that goes behind that?"

Mallikarjun Kharge is the Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha, which is a Cabinet rank position.

Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Sam Pitroda speaking to mediapersons at the Brussels Press Club in Brussels on Friday. PTI

Mr. Gandhi reiterated his statements on "attacks on Indian institutions and democratic framework" that he has made both within the country and in his interactions outside it.

Answering a question on Manipur, he said that he wishes for "democratic rights, harmony and peace between people" in Manipur. "There is a sense in India, that the democratic structures... institution structures are under attack and they are under attack from the group of the people who are running India. Anyone who has little bit of understanding of India knows this," he said. He also stressed, "The fight for democracy in India is ours. And it is our responsibility and we will make sure that the onslaught on our institutions and our freedom is stopped."

The ongoing Bharat versus India debate, Mr. Gandhi said is just a diversionary tactic. "We named our coalition INDIA and it is a fantastic idea, because it represents who we are. We consider ourselves to be the voice of India. It of course disturbed the PM enough that he wants to change the name of the country. Every time we raise the issue of Mr. Adani and crony capitalism, the PM comes out with some dramatic, new diversionary tactic," he said.

Asked about discrimination against minorities, Mr. Gandhi said there is an attempt to change the nature of our country. Not only minorities, the tribals, Dalits and those from backward classes are also facing discrimination, he underlined.

Speaking on China, Mr. Gandhi said that there is a need to put forth an alternative vision to China's "coercive production model". China, he said, has been able to put forward its vision because it has become a centre of global production.

Cartoonist Ajit Ninan passes away in Mysuru

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MYSURU

Cartoonist Ajit Ninan passed away in his flat in Mysuru early on Friday. Confirming the death of Mr. Ninan, Managing Trustee of Indian Institute of Cartoonists, Bengaluru, V.G. Narendra said he died when he was alone in the flat. He was 68.

Mr. Ninan is survived by his wife and two daughters. His wife and daughter, who were in Goa, were on their way to Mysuru. He is best known for the 'Centrestage' series in *India Today* magazine and 'Ninan's World' in *Times of India*. One of his popular cartoon characters was 'Detective Moochhwala' in *Target*. Mr Narendra said the Indian Institute of Cartoonists felicitated Mr. Ninan with the Barton Life-time achievement award at Indian Cartoon Gallery in 2022.
(With inputs from PTI)

Criminal trials ideally need dynamic judges, says top court

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The Supreme Court has said that criminal trials ideally need active and dynamic judges rather than reticent or taciturn ones.

"Reticence may be good in many circumstances, but a judge remaining mute during trial is not an ideal situation. A taciturn judge may be the model caricatured in public mind. But there is nothing wrong in his becoming active or dynamic during trial so that criminal justice being the end could be achieved," a Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai, J.B. Pardiwala and P.K. Mishra highlighted. The judgment concerned an appeal by a man facing the death penalty for the rape and murder of a 10-year-old.

Justice Pardiwala said the case was riddled with inconsistencies that neither the public prosecutor nor the trial judge had cared to point out. In one instance, the contradictions concerned who had actually lured the victim out of her house.

The Supreme Court said the court's silence regarding these disparities, even when the case came up in appeal before the Patna High court, was "shocking". The case has been returned to the High Court for a fresh look.

"If a criminal court is to be an effective instrument in dispensing justice, the presiding judge must cease to be a spectator and a mere recording machine. He must become a participant in the trial by evincing intelligent active interest by putting questions to witnesses in order to ascertain the truth," Justice Pardiwala observed. Section 165 of the Evidence Act confers vast and unrestricted powers on the trial court to put "any question he pleases, in any form, at any time, of any witness, or of the parties, about any fact relevant or irrelevant" in order to discover facts.

Trade unions allege mismatch in claims by Power, Coal Ministries

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NEW DELHI

Trade unions in the power sector have alleged that recent directions and statements of the Union government related to the import of coal for thermal power generation are contradictory, misguiding, deceitful, and against the interest of the energy consumers, people, and the nation.

The All India Coal Workers' Federation (AICWF) and the Electricity Employees Federation of India (EEFI), the two federations comprising several unions in the power and coal mining sectors, on Friday said that these moves allegedly favoured one or two private companies. The federations are also mulling legal action against the decision of the government.

What irked the unions is a circular on September 1 by the Power Ministry directing all domestic coal-based (DCB) power generation companies (Central, State and Independent) to mandatorily import and blend 4% coal through open-bidding process till March 31, 2024.

It reasoned that the supply of coal was not commensurate with the requirement. But the unions argued that the Coal Ministry, on the other hand, said in a press release on September 5 that the country had adequate coal to meet increasing energy demand.

The unions said the Power Ministry circular was contradictory, misguiding and deceitful. argued.

The unions said imported fuel cost went up ₹7-₹ 8 per unit in comparison to the ₹2 per unit cost from domestic Coal India Ltd.

"Strikingly our Public sector flagship Power Producer NTPC has reported more than 7% dip in its consolidated net profit for the September 2022 quarter due to the cost of this imported coal," they added.

New Delhi declaration 'almost ready', says India's G-20 Sherpa

Paragraph on Ukraine remains a sticking point; draft to be handed to leaders for discussion at summit as officials downplay issues with China, Xi's absence; they indicate there has been a considerable movement on all the 'non-geopolitical issues'

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Ananth Krishnan
NEW DELHI

Warm welcome: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and First Lady Akshata Murty being received by Union Minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey in New Delhi on Friday, and right, South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol being received by Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar. ANI, PTI

The joint declaration is "almost ready", said India's G-20 'Sherpa' Amitabh Kant, indicating that the Sherpas, or leaders' representatives for the G-20 countries, will now hand over the document to the G-20 leaders who begin their summit on Saturday in an effort to close the gaps, mainly over the paragraph on Ukraine.

Mr. Kant also downplayed issues with China during the negotiations, and said that while all countries have a "veto power" over the joint statement to be issued, India had been able to bring "every single country" on board with its priorities.

"Our New Delhi declaration is almost ready", Mr. Kant said at a briefing on Friday, ahead of the G-20 Summit. "The New Delhi leaders' declaration which you will see after the Summit, will have the voice of the Global South and developing countries. No document in the world would have such a strong voice for the developing countries," he added.

Speaking about the finance track, Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth, who is also the Co-Chair of the finance track of negotiations, said the delegates had a particularly "rich and intense" discussion on reform of multilateral development banks, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and India was "highly hopeful that discourse over the past nine months will get a positive consideration from the leaders".

As Sherpa negotiations continued on Friday, and were expected to go late into the night, diplomats and officials privy to the talks indicated there had been a considerable movement on all the "non-geopolitical issues", indicating consensus on the language on climate action, finance, phasing out fossil fuels, and debt restructuring. The final push will now need to come from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the other G-20 leaders as they discuss the joint declaration and other issues during two sessions on Saturday, where the membership of the African Union is expected to be cleared. The leaders will meet again on Sunday for one session after which the declaration, if it is agreed upon, will be released. If not, only a Chairman's Summary and outcome document listing the areas of disagreement and agreement will be put out, which will be a precedent in G-20 history, which has always managed to issue a joint document.

Firm on Ukraine

Meanwhile, Western leaders landing in Delhi on Friday said they would hold firm on references to Ukraine despite Russia's objections.

"We hope that it will be possible to have a communique and there is no secret about the position that the EU is defending around the table regarding the war launched by Russia against Ukraine," said European Council President Charles Michel at a press conference in Delhi.

While China has opposed the insertion of the "Bali paragraphs" from last year's G-20 Summit, objecting to any geopolitical issues in the G-20 statement, Russia has opposed direct criticism of its invasion of Ukraine last year, adding that the impact of sanctions by the Western countries and arms transfers to Ukraine should be added if the references remained.

"We cannot fall back from what was agreed to in Bali," a senior Japanese government official told *The Hindu*.

"The price hike in energy and goods has been triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which is a blatant violation of international law. It is obviously because of aggression by Russia against Ukraine that the issue of food security has become more important than ever before. We understand the G-20 is about economic issues... but we cannot [discuss economic issues] without addressing that root cause."

Difficult negotiator

Asked if China had blocked the joint statement and whether Chinese President's absence from the summit was a "spoiler", the officials present, including Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra, Mr. Ajay Seth and G-20 Chief Coordinator Harshvardhan Shringla, avoided any criticism of Beijing, suggesting they were still hopeful of successful negotiations.

"China is a multilateral player where the issues are very different from bilateral issues. Chinese discuss issues of growth and development from their perspective... We have been able to work with every single country and bring them on board," Mr. Kant replied.

China has, however, been among the more difficult negotiators in the talks, according to people familiar with the discussions, on a number of issues beyond Ukraine, and at one point even raised objections to a routine mention in the joint declaration referring to the U.S. hosting the G-20 in 2026, following Brazil in 2024 and South Africa in 2025.

In Beijing, the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that on the issue of Ukraine, China had participated in the G-20 "Summit document" in an "active and constructive" way.

"We stand ready to work with the other parties towards positive outcomes at the New Delhi Summit under the principle of consensus building," said Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) spokesperson Mao Ning, who also indicated that the Chinese position on climate change stood with developing countries.

(With inputs from Kallol Bhattacherjee)

China's Premier Li Qiang arrives in India facing first international test

Ananth Krishnan
NEW DELHI

Touching base: Chinese Premier Li Qiang being received by Union Minister V.K. Singh upon his arrival in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

Chinese Premier Li Qiang arrived in New Delhi on Friday evening for the G-20 Summit, which will, for the relatively unknown second-ranked Chinese leader, mark a first major international diplomatic test.

Mr. Li earlier this week attended the East Asia Summit in Jakarta, but the G-20 will pose its own challenges with its higher profile and the presence of Western leaders who have been sharply critical of China, especially for its stand on the Ukraine crisis, a major sticking point that threatens to derail a joint communique for the first time in G-20 history.

He also lands in India at a low point in China-India relations. As of Friday evening, officials from both sides indicated no plans had been made for a structured bilateral meeting, although Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr. Li will have the opportunity for informal interactions along the sidelines of the G-20. Substantive talks on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) situation are unlikely as Mr. Li, unlike previous Premiers such as Wen Jiabao, only handles economic matters, with the office of the Premier significantly downgraded under President Xi Jinping's one-man rule.

Speaking ahead of his arrival, Ma Jia, the charge d'affaires and acting envoy in the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi – Beijing has declined to appoint a permanent Ambassador for as long as 11 months without offering any explanation – called on both countries "to restore development as the centrepiece on the international agenda".

Chinese officials and experts have in the lead up to the G-20 criticised the "politicisation" of a body that they say should be limited to economic issues rather than political crisis such as Ukraine.

While Beijing has not offered a reason for the Chinese President skipping the summit, observers have seen the absence as signalling China's displeasure with the West and to avoid Mr. Xi coming under pressure or facing isolation in the absence of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Domestic reasons

Some reports have suggested domestic political reasons – such as Mr. Xi facing pressure because of mounting economic problems – may have further prompted the Chinese President to stay away, although Mr. Xi only recently spent more than two days in South Africa for the BRICS Summit.

The G-20 would have, in contrast, likely only required a day-long visit. Moreover, Mr. Xi is this week away from Beijing, the political centre, on a tour of China's northeast, and in coming days will host Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema.

On bilateral ties, Ms. Ma said "current China-India relations are generally stable". "The two leaders keep in touch through communication. President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Modi had two face-to-face interactions in the past year [at the Bali G-20 and BRICS last month], which defines the tone and direction of stabilising and improving the bilateral relations," she added. "The border situation between our two countries is also stable. We have maintained communication through diplomatic and military channels."

One outcome that China is hoping from the visit is a relaxation of restrictions on investment into India, said Liu Hong, Vice-President and Senior Fellow of the Centre for China and Globalisation (CCG) in Beijing.

"With the reported rejection of a $1 billion investment from BYD to build electric vehicles in India, and the fine on Xiaomi, the business environment now is not favourable or positive," he said. "We would also like to see a restoration of flights and visas and greater two-way movement of businesspeople and ordinary Chinese and Indians, which is good for both countries."

India has made it clear normalcy is not possible without the restoration of peace on the LAC. The Chinese military has, however, dragged its feet in disengagement negotiations and to restore India's patrolling rights.

'Bangladesh to hold free, credible polls'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Bangladesh will hold a "free, inclusive and credible election", Foreign Minister A.K. Abdul Momen said here on Friday.

Speaking at the end of a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Mr. Momen argued that the upcoming election in Bangladesh would not be held under a caretaker government and said the two Prime Ministers discussed "regional and peace and stability".

Sharing details about the meeting, the External Affairs Ministry said India welcomed the "Indo-Pacific outlook" of Bangladesh that the Hasina government introduced earlier this year.

The discussion between the two leaders and their teams also took up the Rohingya crisis.

Ukraine war unlikely to end in immediate future: Guterres

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Efforts to build a peaceful world are faltering and the Ukraine conflict is unlikely to end in the immediate future, Secretary General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres said here on Friday. Speaking at a press conference ahead of the G-20 Summit that will begin here on Saturday, Mr. Guterres laid out the concerns of the UN, and said the world could not "go on like this". He spoke forcefully for a change of the global multilateral institutions. He also appreciated India for placing the "development agenda at the centre" of the G-20.

"Divisions are growing, tensions are flaring up, and trust is eroding – which together raise the spectre of fragmentation and ultimately confrontation. The global financial architecture is outdated, dysfunctional, and unfair. It requires deep, structural reform. And the same can be said about the United Nations Security Council," said Mr. Guterres. He appreciated India's G-20 Presidency.

'Strong priority'

"India has assumed the G-20 Presidency with a very strong priority on the development agenda and at the same time, India has been doing everything possible to fully represent the interest of the Global South in the preparation of the summit. India has indeed corresponded to its promise not only to speak on behalf of the Global South but to put the development agenda at the centre of the G-20 works," said Mr. Guterres. He said the conflict in Ukraine was likely to drag on as both sides – Ukraine and Russia – had "decided to move on with the conflict". "I am not very hopeful of a peace solution in the immediate future. Obviously we should pay tribute to those who tried to do everything possible to find this dramatic situation find an end," he said.

Antonio Guterres

His comments are being viewed as a push to have consensus on pressing issues at the G-20 Summit. The Ukraine crisis has created a divide between the Western bloc and the rest in the G-20, including the Indian Presidency that has insisted on keeping the platform focused on the issues before the Global South. "We need effective international institutions rooted in 21st century realities and based on the UN Charter and international law," Mr. Guterres said.

He expressed concern about the increase in conflicts across the world and urged concerted actions to address climate change.

"I have come to the G-20 with a simple but urgent appeal: we cannot go on like this. We must come together and act together for the common good," said Mr. Guterres.

PM holds talks with leader of Mauritius

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Ahead of the G-20 Summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday held talks with his Mauritian counterpart, Pravind Jugnauth, here and reiterated India's commitment to furthering the voice of the Global South.

"PM @KumarJugnauth and I had a very good meeting. This is a special year for India-Mauritius relations as we mark 75 years of diplomatic ties between our nations. We discussed cooperation in sectors like infrastructure, FinTech, culture and more," Mr. Modi said on X.

We have a lot to bring to the G-20 table: African Union chief

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

The African Union is confident of becoming a full member of the G-20 during the Delhi summit beginning here on Saturday, says its Chairperson, Azali Assoumani.

In an exclusive interview with *The Hindu*, Mr. Assoumani, who is also the President of Comoros, said member countries of the G-20 should invest in industrialisation of Africa. Assuring the members that Africa is willing to do what it takes to deal with the immigration issue being faced by the European countries, he urged the G-20 economies to utilise African resources to manufacture products in Africa.

"Since I became the chair of the African Union, we have held several rounds of conversation with the G-20 members to make African Union a member of the G-20 and we have seen a lot of support from them for our membership. We are hopeful that we will become a G-20 member tomorrow [Saturday]. We are hopeful that we can work together and we have a lot to bring to the table of G-20," Mr. Assoumani said.

'World has to step in'

He pointed out that Africa is facing problems such as drought and conflicts, but to find a lasting solution, the economic issues of Africa have to be dealt with. "Our main priority is to achieve industrialisation. We have a lot of resources in Africa but unfortunately we do not process them in the continent and that is why it is important for us to work with organisations like G-20 so that they can invest in Africa and process and produce goods in Africa." Africa's problems can be solved by the African countries but the world also has to step in with investments and supplies to ensure that the goals are met, he added.

Seeking support: African Union Chairperson Azali Assoumani in an interview with *The Hindu* in New Delhi on Friday. R.V. MOORTHY

"We have drought and floods in Africa that lead to famines, but if we can manufacture in Africa then we can deal with famines very easily. For that we have to talk to our partners because in the coming two decades, Africa will be a very big market," said President Assoumani.

The topmost official of the African Union also said that "Africa must find a solution" to the immigration crisis that is a major issue for Europe. "It is the duty of Africa to ensure job security in the continent so that our youth will remain on our continent and find the jobs that they require. But we also have to work hand in hand with Europe, and Europe will have to help us train our people. In Comoros, it is our priority to train young people so that they can find employment when they go abroad," he said.

War and shortage

He also said that the African Union has been discussing ways to deal with the fallout of the Ukraine war, which has hit supplies of agricultural products and fertilizers to Africa.

Calling for an end to the violence, he said: "What is happening in Ukraine is a violation of the UN Charter. There is insecurity all over the world and this war is not setting a good example. The war in Ukraine has food and security consequences for us. We have been to Kyiv and Russia and met with President Zelenskyy and President Putin but unfortunately the conflict is still raging."

"We have authorised the Foreign Ministers of South Africa and Russia to report to us the position of the conflict and hopefully we will resume our negotiations soon," he said

Rice export ban

Flagging the recent ban on export of rice imposed by India, he said the food situation in Africa requires India to step in by ensuring supplies as there is a crisis-like situation in multiple African countries.

"We are planning to talk to the Indian authorities as we depend on Indian rice. India has a lot to provide to Africa like capacity building. Africa needs partners who understand us and India is one such country," Mr. Assoumani said.

INBRIEF

Rhino horn recovered in Assam's Baksa district, 5 held

A rhino horn was among several wildlife body parts recovered in a pre-dawn operation carried out by the forest and police officials in western Assam's Baksa district on September 8. Five people were arrested for possessing the animal body parts, including a deer antler, an elephant tusk, and bones of different animals, officials said. "The recovery and arrests were the outcome of proper tracking based on a major intelligence-based operation," Assam's Chief Wildlife Warden, Sandeep Kumar told *The Hindu*. "We suspect the seized rhino horn could have been extracted from one of two-three rhinos killed in Manas National Park and Tiger Reserve over the past few months.

Former U.P. Deputy CM elected to Rajya Sabha

Former Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Dinesh Sharma has been declared elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from the State as the BJP leader was the only candidate to file nomination for the September 15 byelection, officials said on Friday. The byelection was necessitated due to the death of incumbent MP Hardwar Dubey, who was also from the BJP. The term of the seat is till November 2026. "Dinesh Sharma has been declared elected unopposed," Assistant Returning Officer Ajit Sharma said. After being elected unopposed, Mr. Dinesh Sharma, in a statement, expressed his gratitude to BJP's central and State leadership. PTI

AAP lists 10 candidates each for Chhattisgarh and M.P polls

Days after the Mumbai summit of the INDIA bloc saw the allies resolving to announce seat sharing for all States at the earliest for the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the Aam Aadmi Party has decided to strike it out on its own in the upcoming Assembly polls in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh by announcing 10 candidates each for the two States. In Chhattisgarh, the Congress is seeking a second term; in Madhya Pradesh, after 18 years of BJP governance, the party is hoping to return to power. Competing with the Congress, Mr. Kejriwal is offering 10 promises that are similar to that of the former.

Shivaji's tiger claws to return to Maharashtra in November

Maharashtra Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar on Friday said the State government would bring home the *wagh-nakh* ('tiger claws') belonging to Maratha King Chhatrapati Shivaji from the U.K. in November . The claws were used by Shivaji to kill Afzal Khan, the 17th century General of Bijapur's Adil Shahi dynasty. "The '*wagh-nakh*' is not just a mere object for us but an article of faith. While we had initially thought of exhibiting the '*wagh-nakh*' across all districts in Maharashtra, certain conditions have been imposed as per the MoU according to which it must be kept at one place and displayed to the public," the Minister said.

Trinamool's Dhupguri win is historic, says Mamata

Party wins in a BJP stronghold and against the combined might of the CPI(M) and the Congress; Trinamool chief commends INDIA for its performance in the byelections held in other States

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

With the Trinamool Congress candidate winning the Dhupguri Assembly seat, party chairperson and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said here on Friday that the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance team had won big in the byelections across the country.

Grand victory: This is a victory not just for north Bengal but also the whole of Bengal, says Mamata Banerjee. PTI

'Big victory'

Calling Dhupguri result historic, Ms. Banerjee said, "This is a big victory not just for north Bengal but also the whole of Bengal."

"As far as the rest of the country, in the seven byelections, the BJP has lost in four, even in a place like Uttar Pradesh. It won in Tripura, but Tripura has only two Lok Sabha seats, so there is no reason for them to celebrate. This is a big win for the INDIA team. I want people to make their decision in this manner only," Ms. Banerjee said.

Dhupguri in Jalpaiguri district, dotted with tea gardens, has been a stronghold of the BJP and the defeat has come as a setback to the saffron party. However, political observers point out that the ruling party has always had an edge over others in byelections in the past several years in the State, the only exception being the Sagardighi bypolls where the Left-supported Congress nominee had defeated the Trinamool Congress candidate earlier this year. Byrom Biswas, the Congress MLA, switched to the Trinamool Congress in less than three months of his victory.

The announcement of Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on the polling eve that Dhupguri would be converted from a district block to a subdivision by 2023-end has helped the ruling party. "This announcement may have caused a certain amount of confusion among the people and prompted them to vote against us," said Mitali Roy, the former Trinamool MLA from Dhupguri.

Another crucial outcome of the election was that the Congress-supported CPI(M) candidate, Ishwar Chandra Roy, secured only 13,758 votes (6.52%) despite leaders from both parties campaigning for him. With less than a year to the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the poor performance of the Left-Congress alliance indicates that the contests may largely turn out to be bipolar rather than triangular. State Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and CPI(M) State secretary Mohammad Salim had held a joint rally in favour of the alliance candidate and targeted the Trinamool on the very day INDIA held a meeting in Mumbai.

Congress stakes claim to nine Lok Sabha seats in Bihar

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

The party is yet to get two more berths in the Cabinet led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar

Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee president Akhilesh Prasad Singh on Friday said the party would contest as many seats in the Lok Sabha election in 2024 as it did in 2019.

Of the 40 seats in Bihar, the Congress contested nine and won in Kishanganj in the previous election. The National Democratic Alliance won the rest.

"After Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, the Congress, which contested over 400 seats in 2019 but won only 52, has now emerged stronger. The party registered wins in Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh. We will contest as many seats in the coming Lok Sabha election as we did in 2019, though the final decision over the number of seats to contest will be decided by the committee formed by the INDIA [Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance] bloc at its Mumbai meeting," said Mr. Singh, who is a Rajya Sabha member.

Asked if the Congress would face difficulties in getting its due share of seats from the allies in INDIA bloc, Mr. Singh added, "Our *haisiyat* [status] may be gauged from the fact that our Lok Sabha tally was the highest for any Opposition party... even in Bihar, we are the only party from the Opposition bloc which could win the seat of Kishanganj." "Under my stewardship, the Congress may get respectable seat-sharing deal in the State," Mr. Singh said.

Despite its demand, the Congress is yet to get two more berths in the Cabinet led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. Mr. Singh expressed confidence that Mr. Kumar would agree to the demand of the Congress whenever he chose to expand his Cabinet.

BJP leaders in Bihar said that after the third INDIA meeting, friction over seats in States had come out.

After SC verdict, Ladakh hill council polls now on Oct. 4

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Two days after the Supreme Court allowed the National Conference to retain its party symbol, plough, the Union Territory of Ladakh on Friday renotified the date for the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council-Kargil (LAHDC-K) election as October 4.

Referring to the September 6 court order, the Ladakh administration, in a fresh order, said, "The symbol "Plough" is hereby reserved for the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference Party for the ensuing elections to the 5th LAHDC-K."

Earlier, the election was scheduled for September 10. A legal battle started in the first week of August as the Union Territory administration denied the National Conference its election symbol. The administration argued that Ladakh had an election authority and not a State Election Commission, which had the right to issue symbols.

However, the National Conference pleaded before the court that the authority issued a symbol to the Aam Aadmi Party for the LAHDC-Leh election in 2020.

The Ladakh administration could not justify its position before the top court.

"We are unable to appreciate such conduct. This recalcitrance to decide in time speaks volumes. Instances like these raise serious questions," Justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah and Vikram Nath said in a 51-page judgment.

The administration's decision was allegedly aimed to disallow the regional mainstream parties to make a comeback in Kargil, which has a huge symbolic value for the National Conference against the backdrop of the Centre's steps made following its 2019 decision to end J&K's special status under Article 370 of the Constitution.

Beginning of BJP's end, SP chief says after win; ruling party cites local factors

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

In a setback to the ruling BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Uttar Pradesh, Samajwadi Party (SP) candidate Sudhakar Singh on Friday registered a resounding victory in the Ghosi Assembly byelection by a margin of 42,759 votes against Dara Singh Chauhan of the BJP. Mr. Singh polled 1,24,427 votes against Mr. Chauhan's 81,668.

The high-stake byelection, held on September 5, followed Mr. Chauhan's resignation as the SP MLA. The first electoral contest in India's politically most crucial State after the formation of the Opposition Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) gave multiple messages to both alliances going into the 2024 polls.

The Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP), a Rajbhar OBC-centric party, had joined the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance ahead of the election.

Akhilesh Yadav

The SP termed the result not only a political defeat of the BJP but also a moral defeat and indicator of the 2024 Lok Sabha verdict, while the BJP said the negative result is more due to local factors and should not be considered a referendum on the State government.

"This is not only a political defeat of the BJP, it is also a moral defeat. The victory of the SP and INDIA alliance candidate not only broke the pride of the BJP but also gave indications about the result of the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha election. This is the beginning of the BJP's end," SP president Akhilesh Yadav said.

"Uttar Pradesh will once again be the leader of the change in the country," he added.

The BJP said it would introspect and try to rectify the problems.

"We will talk to our workers and introspect factors leading to the defeat," said Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, BJP leaders said the SP was reading too much into the victory in one byelection. "It can't be considered a referendum on the State government, the bypoll was for one seat, that was already with the SP, they retained it. Multiple factors lead to any victory or defeat. In Ghosi, I believe local factors dominated," said Rakesh Tripathi, State BJP spokesperson.

Academics oppose V-C appointments by Governor

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

A group of academics on Friday held protests outside the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata against "the arbitrary appointment of interim Vice-Chancellors that has gravely affected higher education in the State".

Om Prakash Mishra, Deb Narayan Bandyopadhyay, Sonali Chakravarti Banerjee, Swagata Sen and Sibaji Pratim Basu were among those who held protests outside the Raj Bhavan. "His Excellency, we request you to abandon your illegal ways. Dictatorial aspirations and a domineering approach do not suit your formal position. The Chancellor is a creature of statutes and his powers are limited by the statutes. It is good to obey the command of law and shun the path of confrontation. We appeal to you to consider our request in a time-bound manner," they said in a letter to Governor C.V. Ananda Bose.

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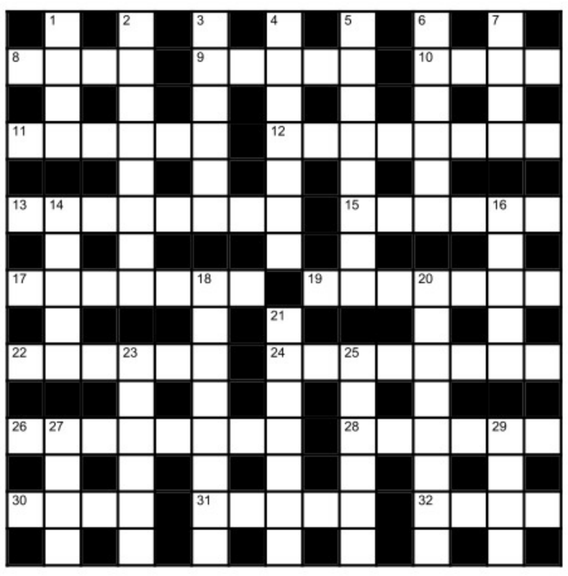

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9 Boy has longing for female animal (5)
10 Land in middle of water? Somewhat misleading... (4)
11 Carrying processed weed in ship for some Europeans (6)
12 Began including learner. Surprised? (8)
13 Taking part of lunch as tea is indecent (8)
15 Sudden's put bar in a mess (6)
17 Wail, "Tag is destroyed by bird" (7)
19 Go and exercise after putting note in ATM (7)
22 John (in England) gets a dog, for example (6)
24 Jerkily nods away in these times (8)
26 Hen traps laid out for animals (8)
28 Know Leonard's back in the doghouse (6)
30 Satellite's rings mentioned in a couple of consecutive letters (4)
31 Good precipitation results in edible seed (5)
32 Orient every article supplied together, for starters (4)

Down

1 See and compete with West (4)
2 Cause of violent death around Japanese ruler dropping weapon? (8)
3 Sailor employs swear words (6)
4 Hid leaders of the African state in barn (7)
5 Bird badly hates nap (8)
6 Illuminated the extraordinary relic initially seen in garbage (6)
7 Sad and tailless bull runs around with last piece of rope (4)
14 Animal kept in many a laboratory (5)
16 Yup, rejected! Including parish priest's young animal (5)
18 Big scree movement may result in shipping hazards (8)
20 Imperil aim with ire (8)
21 Rare ulna is broken and scattered around American university (7)
23 Mean Indian nurse (6)
25 Rouses woman with crawling snake (6)
27 Try wearing silver to get full of intense excitement! (4)
29 Eating Asian spicy yam for starters is not difficult (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Try and try again

One has to put in effort to attain a goal. This is the advice teachers and parents give students. But even adults often forget this, and tend to get dejected when their efforts fail. Often, a goal is not attained easily. Repeated attempts are needed. If we give up after making a few attempts, we cannot be successful, said R. Narayanan in a discourse. Thiruvalluvar says that determination to continue one's work results in prosperity, but lack of enthusiastic effort results in poverty. The length of the stalk of the lotus is that of the depth of the water. The extent to which a man rises is proportionate to his hard work and his determination. No matter how many times we destroy a spider web, the spider comes back to spin a new one in place of the one destroyed. We have to learn from the spider. While there may be setbacks, that should not deter us from trying again and again.

Kumaraguruparar in his *Needhi Neri Vilakkam* says those who are determined to complete a task will not be affected by physical discomforts; they will not be bothered by hunger; they will not worry about lack of sleep; they will not be affected by the harm that others do to them; they will not pay heed to the amount of time they spend on the task. *Trikatukam* describes the traits of a person who never wavers when he is working on a goal.

KYIV

Ukraine slams 'fake elections' as Russia launches deadly strikes

REUTERS

Ukraine denounced what it called "fake elections" by Moscow on its occupied territory, while Russian air strikes across the country killed four persons. Russia said voting for local officials was open in the four Ukrainian regions of Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, Donetsk, Lugansk — none of which Moscow fully controls — as well as in Crimea. AFP

BAMAKO

Suspected jihadist attacks on Mali river boat and Army base kill 64

AP

Attacks on an Army base and a passenger boat on the Niger River in northern Mali on Thursday by suspected jihadists killed 64 people. According to a statement, the casualties included 49 civilians and 15 soldiers. It did not specify how many died in each assault, but the assaults were "claimed" by a group affiliated to Al-Qaeda. AFP

WASHINGTON

Georgia grand jury recommended charging U.S. Senator in poll case

AFP

A special grand jury in Georgia investigating efforts to overturn the 2020 election recommended bringing charges against more people, according to a report. The jury recommended indicting Lindsey Graham, a Republican Senator from South Carolina who is a close Trump ally, and former Senators Kelly Loeffler, David Perdue. AFP

SAN FRANCISCO

Nancy Pelosi, 83, says she will run for re-election to U.S. Congress

AP

Former U.S. House speaker Nancy Pelosi, one of the most influential — and at 83 years old, longest-serving — Democrats, said she will seek another term as a representative for California in Congress. Her announcement that she wants another four-year term is likely to deepen debate in the U.S. over the ageing of its political class. AFP

Eight candidates vie for top office in Maldives' fragmented elections

President Ibrahim Solih is seeking a record second term amid a host of political challenges, including a diminished party, after his former colleague and former President Mohamed Nasheed quit the ruling Maldivian Democratic Party

Meera Srinivasan
MALE

Over 2,80,000 people of the Maldives will have a say in the presidential polls on Saturday, a race that has been shaped by three presidents – the incumbent, a breakaway leader, and a jailed politician.

President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih is seeking a record second term amid a host of political challenges, including a diminished party, after his former colleague Mohamed Nasheed – Parliamentary Speaker and former President – quit the ruling Maldivian Democratic Party earlier this year amid growing political differences.

Following the split that sharply divided party loyalists, Mr. Nasheed's backers set up a new party called The Democrats, whose candidate, legislator Ilyas Labeeb, is among the seven rivals challenging President Solih. Male Mayor Mohamed Muizzu, who is running from the People's National Congress – jailed President Abdulla Yameen was barred from contesting – has drawn considerable support, locals note.

Poll bugle: Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, who is seeking a second term in the presidential election, in Male on Friday. MEERA SRINIVASAN

Two other candidates drawing attention are Jumhooree Party leader Qasim Ibrahim and Ahmed Faris Maumoon, son of former President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, who ruled the Maldives with an iron first for three decades until the Indian Ocean Archipelago's shift to democracy in 2008. In a likely scenario where no candidate secures over 50% of the mandate, a second round of elections will be held.

During his term, India-friendly President Solih has focussed on education, health and civic infrastructure, carrying out a host of projects in capital Male and the atolls, many of which are backed by grants and loans from New Delhi.

While Indian assistance in defence, infrastructure and education have grown, critics of the Solih administration question its "over-reliance" on India. Former President Abdulla Yameen, whose regime was known for its China tilt, sought to mobilise popular support against "Indian intervention", leading an 'India Out' campaign between his two court convictions.

Days before the election, government critics circulated a letter on social media claiming it was communication between the Foreign Ministers of India and Maldives, on India using Maldivian land for Indian military operations. Both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Maldives, and the High Commission of India in Male rejected the letter as fake and fabricated.

Key issues

While the world observes elections in the island nation for its geopolitical stakes in the region, for Maldivians, the election is more about concerns surrounding land in the congested capital, and their economic fortunes in an economy strained by debt and rapid, asymmetric development.

On the penultimate day of campaign on Thursday, Male's streets were lit up with some characteristic late-night rallies, as bold posters of candidates pop up every few yards. "We have seen the voter turnout increase in the last three presidential elections from 86.58 % (2003), 87.20 % (2013) and 89.22 % (2018)," an official of the Election Commission said on Monday.

In addition to Male, polling stations have been set up in 189 atolls, apart from tourist resorts to enable the scattered population exercise their franchise in the country's fourth presidential election since its switch to democracy in 2008.

Philippines condemns 'illegal' actions by Chinese boats in South China Sea

Agence France-Presse
MANILA

The Philippines condemned "illegal" actions by Chinese vessels on Friday after the boats allegedly interfered in another resupply mission to a remote military outpost in the disputed South China Sea.

Two Philippine Coast Guard vessels were escorting supply boats to Second Thomas Shoal in the Spratly Islands when they encountered four Chinese coast guard and four "militia" boats.

Aggressive conduct

While the cargo was successfully delivered to the handful of Filipino troops on a grounded Navy ship, the Chinese vessels had carried out "harassment, dangerous maneuvers, and aggressive conduct" towards the Philippine boats, the National Task Force said.

"The Task Force strongly deplores and condemns the continued illegal, aggressive, and destabilising conduct of the CCG and the CMM within our nation's EEZ," the task force said, using the acronyms for the Chinese vessels and the Philippines' Exclusive Economic Zone.

New threat: The Philippines said that Chinese vessels carried out dangerous manoeuvres and aggressive conduct. AP

China claims almost the entire waterway, through which trillions of dollars in trade passes annually, and has ignored an international ruling that its assertion has no legal basis.

In a statement, the China Coast Guard accused the Philippine boats of entering the waters around the reef "without obtaining permission".

Second Thomas Shoal is about 200 km from the western Philippine island of Palawan, and more than 1,000 km from China's nearest major landmass, Hainan island.

Friday's resupply mission happened on the same day Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos signed a strategic partnership agreement with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese in Manila.

New submarine has nuclear capabilities, claims North Korea

Associated Press
SEOUL

North Korea said on Friday its new submarine has nuclear attack capabilities after years of development. Leader Kim Jong-un described the milestone as crucial in his efforts to build a nuclear-armed Navy to counter the United States and its Asian allies.

Sceptical Seoul

The North's official Korean Central News Agency said the vessel, named *Hero Kim Kun Ok*, is designed to launch tactical nuclear weapons from underwater but did not specify the number of missiles it could carry and fire.

South Korean officials were sceptical that the submarine would work as North Korea described and said it likely wasn't ready for operational duty. Still, the vessel's development underscored how the North continues to potentially extend the range of its nuclear arsenal with systems that are harder to detect in advance.

Based on Kim Jong-un's comments and photos by North Korean state media, it is likely the submarine is the same one Mr. Kim inspected in 2019 while it was under construction. At the time, experts assessed it as an effort to convert an existing Romeo-class submarine.

The submarine appears to have at least 10 launch tubes – four of them apparently larger than the other six – that are possibly designed for missiles.

China Premier meets Indonesia leader, pledges deeper ties

Agence France-Presse
JAKARTA

Chinese Premier Li Qiang met Indonesia's President for talks on Friday, agreeing to boost cooperation and trade including expanding imports from Southeast Asia's biggest economy, Chinese state media reported.

Mr. Li met with Joko Widodo in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta after leaders' summits this week with the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The Chinese Premier said Beijing would deepen practical cooperation and strategic mutual trust with Jakarta including expanding imports of bulk commodities, and agricultural and fishery products.

Beijing to work with Jakarta on several new joint flagship projects of its Belt and Road Initiative

He told Mr. Widodo that Beijing would work with Jakarta on several new joint flagship projects of its Belt and Road Initiative.

He also said China was ready to work with Indonesia to prepare for the operation of a high-speed railway funded by Beijing that is set to open later this year after delays.

At the ASEAN plus three summit with China, Japan and South Korea Mr. Widodo invited Beijing to cooperate more on developing his nation's electric vehicle industry.

Starlink turned down Kyiv's request for Internet access in Black Sea, prevented attack, says Musk

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Tech billionaire Elon Musk has said that he prevented a Ukrainian attack on a Russian Navy base last year by declining Kyiv's request to activate Internet access in the Black Sea near Moscow-annexed Crimea.

Satellite internet service Starlink, operated by Musk-owned company SpaceX, has been deployed in Ukraine since shortly after it was invaded by Russia in February 2022. "There was an emergency request from government authorities to activate Starlink all the way to Sevastopol. The obvious intent being to sink most of the Russian fleet at anchor," Mr. Musk posted Thursday on X, formerly named Twitter.

No complicity

The city of Sevastopol is the base of Russia's Black Sea Fleet on the Crimean peninsula, which was annexed by Moscow in 2014.

"If I had agreed to their request, then SpaceX would be explicitly complicit in an act of war and conflict escalation," Mr. Musk said.

Mr. Musk was posting in response to a published excerpt of an upcoming biography of the tech tycoon by Walter Isaacson.

Russia's former President and senior security official Dmitry Medvedev, in response to Mr. Isaacson's detailing of the incident, lauded Mr. Musk.

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S. No.	Name of Post	Group	Level as per 7th CPC	No. of Posts
1.	Medical Superintendent	A	Level 14 (Rs. 144200–218200) + NPA	1
2.	Superintending Engineer	A	Level 13 (Rs. 123100–215900)	1
3.	Registrar	A	Level 12 (Rs. 78800-209200)	1
4.	Executive Engineer (Electrical)	A	Level 11 (Rs. 67700-208700)	1
5.	Executive Engineer (Civil)	A	Level 11 (Rs. 67700-208700)	1
6.	Assistant Controller of Examination	A	Level 11 (Rs. 67700-208700)	1
7.	Assistant Administrative Officer	B	Level 07 (Rs. 44900-142400)	1
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9.	Office Superintendent	B	Level 06 (Rs. 35400-112400)	1
10.	Personal Assistant	B	Level 06 (Rs. 35400-112400)	1
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S. No. ADVT/DNLU/001/2023-24 Dated: 09-09-2023

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

Applications are invited for the post of Vice-Chancellor of Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur (M.P.).

The candidate shall be:

a. A distinguished academician in the Profession of Law with minimum experience of 10 years as Professor of Law in a University System; OR
b. A distinguished jurist not below the rank of District Judge; OR
c. An administrator not below the rank of Secretary to Government of India.

The candidate shall not be above the age of 70 years and not more than 67 years as on the last date of submission of application.

The Vice-Chancellor will be whole-time officer of the University. The term of office of the Vice-Chancellor will be five years from the date on which he joins the office or until he attains the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier.

The candidate should have proven leadership qualities and should be able to lead the University's mission of promoting teaching and research at the highest level of excellence. The person should also have the ability to promote the University at the national and international level for the development of strong linkages with academic institutions of repute, the Central Government and various State Governments and industry.

Interested candidates may apply with their detailed Resume/CV along with a vision statement for DNLU (not exceeding 2000 words). The applications may be sent either in the electronic form to Dr. Praveen Tripathi, Nodal Officer of the Selection Committee, at praveentripathi@mpdnlu.ac.in or by Speed Post to "Dr. Praveen Tripathi, Associate Professor & Dean Students Welfare, Dharmashastra National Law University, BRBRAITT Campus, Ridge Road, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur, 482001 (M.P.)" by October 7, 2023. The shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interaction with the Selection Committee.

Selection Committee

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Notice Inviting e-Bids

Single Stage Two envelope Online bids (e-bids) are invited up to 02.00 pm of 29/09/2023 for Construction of 50 Bedded Critical Care Block on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Basis Along with Medical Equipment's at RUHS Hospital of Medical Sciences, Jaipur. (Total Est. Cost Rs. 2375.00 Lacs). Details may be seen in the Bidding Documents at the Website www.ruhsraj.org or sppp.raj.nic.in or eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. (Pre-Bid Meeting Date & Time : from 02.00 PM to 03.30 PM of 13/09/2023) UBN No. : RUH2324GLOB00029

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INVITATION FOR e-AUCTION SALE ON BEHALF OF THE DEBT'S RECOVERY TRIBUNAL No.1, AT ERNAKULAM, KERALA

SALE OF INDIAN FLAG VESSEL/CARGO SHIP "GREAT SEA VEMBANAD" PURSUANT TO THE ORDER OF THE DEBT'S RECOVERY TRIBUNAL No.1 AT ERNAKULAM DATED 01/09/2023 IN I.A. No. 2640 of 2023 IN O.A. No. 407 OF 2015.

Application for e-auction sale are invited for the sale of the Vessel/Cargo Ship "GREAT SEA - VEMBANAD" presently berthed at the private yard of M/s. Tisha Ship Management Private Limited, Small Craft building Unit ,Holy Family Church, Munambam, Pallipuram P.O Ernakulam-683 515, Kerala, India, for the recovery of arrears of loan and other charges.

MAIN PARTICULARS OF VESSEL/CARGO SHIP

Name: Great Sea Vembanad, Port of Registry:Kochi, Official Number: 4069, Call Sign: AVXJ, IMO Number:9680700, Type of Vessel: River Sea Vessel Type-3-Cargo ship other than Dredger and Tanker, Length Overall: 59.03 M, Maximum Breadth:11.40 M, Moulded Depth:4.00 M, Design Draft: 2.80 M, Dead Weight: 1036 MT, Light Ship: 441.54 MT, Main Engine: 3 x 148 HP ALM 412, Triple Propellor with Twin rudder, Generator: 2 x Kirloskar 82 KVA, Measurement of the hatch covers: 7M x 5M, Total number of Hatch covers: 7 Nos. Approximate weight of each Hatch cover: 8 MT, Total weight of the Hatch covers: 56 MT, Hatch cover is located at Azhikkal Port, Kannur.

WHEEL HOUSE: Standard Magnetic Compass:1, Radar:1-9 Ghz SAMYUNG SMR 3700, GPS:1-SAMYUNG SPR – 1400, Rudder Angle Indicator: Provided, Echosounder: 1-Hondex HE 770, AIS:1-SAMYUNG, Navtex Receiver: 1-SAMYUNG SNX- 300, VHF Radio: 1-STR 6000A, MF/HF Transceiver: 1-SAMYUNG SRG 1150DN

ENGINE ROOM: Main Engines: 3x148 HP Leyland ALM 412 Mark II, Auxiliary Engines: 2x82 kV A Kirloskar, Emergency Generator (Located in the after part): 1x35 k V A kirloskar, Ballast/GS Pump: 2x37.5 kw, 80m3/hr. Air Compressor: 2 x Wood pecker, Oily Water Separator: 1 x RWO Gmbh, Sewage Treatment Plant: 1 x Jonghap.

Hatchcover (9mx5mx7 Nos.): 8 MT each (Located at Azhikkal port, Kannur)

Estimated Value (Reserve Price): Rs 1,47,74,000/-(Rupees One Crore Forty Seven Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand only), EMD: Rs 14,77,400/-(Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Seventy Seven thousand Four hundred only), Vessel/Cargo Ship open for Inspection on: 15.09.2023 to 10.10.2023 between 11 am to 5 pm on prior written request to the Advocate Commissioner.

Date of E-auction: 16.10.2023 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm with an extension of bidding time each of 5 minutes duration till auction is concluded and the bidding shall take place between the intending bidders who have submitted the EMD within the stipulated time through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website http://drt.auctiontiger.net of M/s e-Procurement Technologies Ltd.

The EMD shall be deposited by 13.10.2023, 17:00 hrs online through RTGS/NEFT/Transfer or by deposit of Pay order/ Demand Draft to the Account No 32663990959 in the name of Recovery Officer- DRT Ernakulam-EAuction, held with State Bank of India, Ernakulam South Branch, Ernakulam having IFSC No. SBIN0008616.

The date of submission of online bids is 15.09.2023 till 13.10.2023 upto 4 pm. The amount by which bidding is to be increased shall be Rs 10,000/-

Terms and Conditions:The subject property is being sold on "AS IS WHAT IS AND AS IS WHERE IS BASIS". More details about the Terms and Conditions is displayed on the Notice Board of the Recovery Officer Debts Recovery Tribunal – 1, Ernakulam, in the website http://drt.gov.in and in the website of the e-auction service provider http://drt.auctiontiger.net

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Date: 09-09-2023

INBRIEF

Natco named in lawsuit in U.S. over generic cancer drug

Natco Pharma has been named as a defendant in an antitrust lawsuit in the U.S. over generic cancer drug Pomalidomide (Pomalyst). "Celgene Corporation, Bristol Myers Squibb, Breckenridge Pharmaceutical Inc. and Natco Pharma have been named defendants along with others in an antitrust lawsuit in the U.S.," Natco said. On Friday, Natco shares declined 3.52% to close at ₹881.40 apiece on the BSE.

RR Kabel sets IPO price band at ₹983-1,035 per share

Wires and cables manufacturer RR Kabel Ltd. on Friday said it had fixed a price band of ₹983-1,035 per share for its initial public offering (IPO). The IPO comprises fresh issue of equity shares of up to ₹180 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of more than 1.72 crore equity shares by promoters and other shareholders. At the upper price band, the IPO will fetch up to ₹1,964 crore. Private equity firm TPG Capital, which holds 21% in RR Kabel, will partially sell its stake under the OFS. PTI

RBI approves Dipak Gupta as KMB's interim MD & CEO

The RBI has approved the appointment of Dipak Gupta as the interim MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) for two months with effect from September 2, 2023, KMB said in an exchange filing. The bank, had on September 2, applied for RBI approval following the decision of Uday Kotak to step down as MD & CEO 4 months ahead of the end of his tenure. The board had then appointed Mr. Gupta, who was deputy MD, as acting MD & CEO till December 31, 2023.

'India's G-20 lead effective, even if Russia absent'

Yellen terms conflict in Ukraine as the biggest deterrent to global growth; Price cap on Russian oil still working, adds the U.S. Treasury Secretary

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Russia's war on Ukraine, which has escalated food and energy prices, is the most important threat to global growth, U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said on September 8, stressing that the G-20 remains an effective forum to address global challenges even without Russia's active participation, a reference to Vladimir Putin's decision to skip the bloc's New Delhi summit.

The Treasury Secretary said India's G-20 leadership had proven effective on several fronts, including the reforms of multilateral development banks (MDBs) and in addressing the debt concerns of vulnerable countries. "We see G-20 as the premier organisation that is taking on critical challenges facing the global economy," Ms. Yellen remarked. "The G-20, in spite of obvious problems due to Russia's war against Ukraine, and Russia's general absence from G-20 initiatives, has been extremely effective, especially under India's leadership," she added.

On the prospects of the G-20 summit in New Delhi yielding a communique, Ms. Yellen noted it is challenging to craft such language but the negotiators are working hard to do so.

She exuded confidence about being able to provide supplementary funds to help Ukraine. Reiterating that the most important thing "we could do for global growth is for Russia to end its brutal war on Ukraine", Ms. Yellen, however, expressed surprise at the strength and resilience of the global economy.

Bolstering MDBs

Ms. Yellen also signalled that the U.S. is taking the lead on bolstering MDBs' lending capacity and leaving it to other countries to do what they can. An expert group set up by the Indian Presidency has recommended reforms of the MDBs that could scale up their funding. However, some G-20 members have expressed reluctance about the plan as they are unsure about how much they may have to contribute.

U.S. President Joe Biden has initiated a move to provide $2.25 billion of funding for the World Bank and a $25 billion loan to the IMF that would help provide concessional finance to low-income countries, Ms. Yellen pointed out.

She downplayed concerns that Russia had managed to work around the price cap imposed on its oil exports. "My perception is the price cap continues to work. Our estimate is that Russia's revenue from oil has declined by around 44% over the last year... and Russia's exports into the global market have continued." Responding to a query on the Chinese economy, Ms. Yellen said, "we see China's growth as slowing over time. That said, China has quite a bit of policy space to address these challenges."

Praise for the host

Janet Yellen lauds India's G-20 leadership but plays down prospects of the meet yielding a communique

- The U.S. Treasury Secretary says the U.S. is bolstering MDBs' lending capacity to help low-income countries
- India's push to scale up funding for MDBs gets poor response as countries are unsure how much they need to pay
- Yellen sees China's growth slowing over time but notes that China has the policy space to address the challenge

RBI decides to discontinue I-CRR in a phased manner

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to discontinue the Incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (I-CRR) in a phased manner. The measure was intended to absorb surplus liquidity generated by various factors, including the return of ₹2000 notes to the banking system.

"Based on an assessment of current and evolving liquidity conditions, it has been decided that the amounts impounded under the I-CRR would be released in stages so that system liquidity is not subjected to sudden shocks and money markets function in an orderly manner," the RBI said.

While 25% of the I-CRR maintained would be released on September 9, another 25% would be released on September 23 and the balance would be released on October 7.

The RBI had announced last month that scheduled banks must maintain an I-CRR of 10% on the increase in their net demand and time liabilities between May 19 and July 28.

Rupee snaps 4-day losing streak, gains 21 paise against USD

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The rupee snapped a four-day losing streak to close 21 paise higher at 83.02 against the U.S. Dollar on Friday, aided by the currency's flow into domestic equities and likely intervention from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

The Indian currency had hit its lifetime low of 83.23 against the U.S. Dollar on Thursday.

"We suspect it was heavy intervention from the central bank and some corporate inflows that pushed the pair lower," said Aninda Banerjee, VP - Currency Derivatives & Interest Rate Derivatives at Kotak Securities Ltd.

"Over the next one week, U.S. CPI and the trend in the Chinese currency will set the tone. We expect a broad range of 82.70 and 83.30 on spot," he added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	66,599	0.50
US Dollar	83.02	0.25
Gold	60,150	0.16
Brent oil	90.72	0.36

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2519.30	9.80
Adani Ports	825.00	15.10
Apollo Hosp	4985.15	-43.90
Asian Paints	3238.05	-8.30
Axis Bank	980.30	2.10
Bajaj Auto	4759.55	42.35
Bajaj Finserv	1541.00	21.45
Bajaj Finance	7410.65	47.45
Bharti Airtel	885.85	10.55
BPCL	361.95	7.35
Britannia Ind	4540.50	9.80
Cipla	1244.60	-4.70
Coal India	282.10	8.10
Divis Lab	3698.80	4.80
Dr Reddys Lab	5583.80	-31.35
Eicher Motors	3370.90	-31.55
Grasim Ind	1849.75	2.35
HCL Tech	1262.05	8.05
HDFC Bank	1623.40	12.55
HDFC Life	657.45	0.70
Hero MotoCorp	3008.75	47.85
Hindalco	476.15	1.05
Hind Unilever	2513.80	6.35
ICICI Bank	970.55	4.90
IndusInd Bank	1448.85	9.25
Infosys	1469.60	3.40
ITC	442.65	-3.25
JSW Steel	815.75	-3.55
Kotak Bank	1793.20	4.20
L&T	2901.60	55.20
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5478.50	-7.40
M&M	1567.55	1.80
Maruti Suzuki	10332.00	51.25
NestleIndia	21883.25	-13.05
NTPC	240.25	6.15
ONGC	184.45	2.70
PowerGrid Corp	258.65	1.65
Reliance Ind	2448.20	16.20
SBI Life	1341.45	-6.05
State Bank	583.45	4.40
Sun Pharma	1130.45	-2.60
TataConsumer Product	853.10	-5.60
Tata Motors	627.25	12.35
Tata Steel	129.50	-0.65
TCS	3441.90	-13.35
Tech Mahindra	1262.95	-6.30
Titan	3199.10	26.30
UltraTech Cement	8430.55	-64.60
UPL	606.80	-5.50
Wipro	430.00	-2.85

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 08

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.75	83.07
Euro	88.56	88.90
British Pound	103.28	103.69
Japanese Yen (100)	56.14	56.36
Chinese Yuan	11.28	11.32
Swiss Franc	92.79	93.16
Singapore Dollar	60.65	60.90
Canadian Dollar	60.58	60.82
Malaysian Ringitt	17.69	17.77
Australian Dollar	52.93	53.14

Source:Indian Bank

Danfoss India opens new distribution centre

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Danfoss India on Friday opened its new India distribution centre at Oragadam near Chennai and launched a new alternate fuel-less load container fleet.

The 43,000 sq.ft. centre is equipped with ultra-modern infrastructure that will cater to the growing business operations of Danfoss India in this region, the Denmark-based climate and energy solution major said in a statement.

The company also said it aims to double its sales turnover to ₹5,000 crore by 2025 helped by its strong localisation agenda.

China slows fertiliser exports, raising concerns in India

Reuters
BEIJING/MUMBAI

Around half a million metric tons of urea are held up at Chinese ports after the country curbed exports following a price surge, an analyst and Indian company official said.

CNAMPGC Holding Ltd., one of China's top fertiliser exporters, said it would proactively decrease exports and "make every effort" to ensure domestic supply and price stability, according to a notice dated September 2 on its website.

State-owned China National Offshore Oil Company (CNOOC) has also urged its subsidiaries to prioritise urea supply to the domestic market ahead of the autumn sowing season, according to a September 4 notice seen by Reuters.

These curbs have triggered fears of a rise in global prices and spending by Indian companies, as India imports about 30% of urea needed annually and China was its second-largest supplier last year.

India's forex reserves jump $4.03 bn to $598.89 bn

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

India's forex reserves jumped by $4.039 billion to $598.897 billion for the week ended September 1, the Reserve Bank said.

In the previous reporting week, the overall reserves had dropped by $30 million to $594.858 billion.

Foreign currency assets rose by $3.442 billion to $530.691 billion, according to RBI's Weekly Statistical Supplement.

Gold reserves rose $584 million to $44.939 billion. Special Drawing Rights climbed by $1 million to $18.195 billion. India's reserve position with the IMF rose $12 million to $5.073 billion, RBI data showed.

IOC's Panipat ethanol plant to hit 100% capacity utilisation soon

M. Ramesh
CHENNAI

Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

Indian Oil Corporation's ₹900-crore 2G ethanol plant that was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in August 2022, is set to reach 100% capacity utilisation in a few months, from 30% now, IOC's Chairman and Managing Director, Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, said on Friday.

In an interaction with journalists of *The Hindu* group of publications, Mr. Vaidya said that the feedstock for the bioethanol plant – rice husk (parali) – was available for collection only for about 45 days and would need to be stored for the entire year. The plant would need 1,50,000 tonnes of feedstock every year. The collection of the rice husk had begun and the plant would reach full capacity shortly, he added.

Refiners including IOC are required to supply petrol that has 20% bioethanol by 2025. Mr. Vaidya said that in October, IOC's blend would reach 12.5%, which would be raised to 15% next year and then, gradually, to 20% by 2025.

Also, part of the 2G ethanol would go to the production of SAF (sustainable aviation fuels), which is also coming up near the Panipat refinery, under a joint venture with Lanzajet, a unit of Lanzatech in which IOC has a stake.

The Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme of International Aviation (CORSIA) has said aviation fuels would need to incorporate 2% SAF blends. IOC would be supplying fuels that comply with that decision, Mr. Vaidya added. (*The writer is with The Hindu businessline*)

Tata unit eyes 25,000 points for charging EVs by Mar. '28

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Tata Power, an integrated power company with an installed/managed capacity of 14,321 MW, said it will set up about 7,000 EV charging points across the country by FY24 and 25,000 such points by March 2028.

Starting from the first EV Charging point in Mumbai installed in 2018, Tata Power has since established more than 50,000 home chargers, some 4,370 public and semi-public charging points and 280 bus-charging points across 350 cities, it said.

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I, ZEEBA Tarannom, R/o No.1, K No 839, Nanjappa Colony, Umar Nagar, Bangalore-560045 have changed my name to Jeba Tarannum vide affidavit dt: 05.09.2023 sworn before Notary G.Dayananda, B'lore

I, NILSON Saravana, S/o. Late Subramani, residing at #38, 2nd Battery Pension Lane, Viveknagar, Bengaluru 560047, have changed my name to Saravana vide Affidavit Dated: 02/09/2023 before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru.

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I, M Mati Ulla, R/a #B, No.6th Street, Opp Halasuru Masjid, Halasuru, Bangalore-560008, hereby state that my Daughter's name has been wrongly mentioned as Nazifa Fathima in her S.S.L.C Marks card but here correct name is Nazifa Fathima.M vide affidavit dt: 05.09.2023 sworn before Notary G.Dayananda, B'lore

I, Sakhubai Ramchandra Naroda alias Naroda Sakhubai Ramchandra D/o Ramchandra Bhimsen Naroda, residing at At Post, Suragihalli, Vijayapura, Karnataka - 586215, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sakhu Ramchandra Naroda.

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I, M Mati Ulla, R/a #B, No.6th Street, Opp Halasuru Masjid, Halasuru, Bangalore-560008, hereby state that my Daughter's name has been wrongly mentioned as Nabiha Fathima in her S.S.L.C Marks card but here correct name is Nabiha Fathima.M vide affidavit dt: 05.09.2023 sworn before Notary G.Dayananda, B'lore

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS to informs the General Public that, we undersigned Deepak A Rao, S/o M Abhimanyu Rao, aged about 47 years and Soumya Deepak, W/o Deepak A Rao, lost GPA dated 16.12.1997 executed by previous owner Mr. Victor F Mendonca in favour of Mr. Anthony D souza, for property bearing BBMP Municipal No. 479/488/128, old site bearing No. 128, situated in Sy.no. 22/1 and 2 and 111/1 and 2 of Arakere village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 50 feet in all measuring 166.66 sq yards, while transit on 22.06.2018, at Arakere Mico Layout and we had filed lost report bearing No. 0711706/2023, dated 03.09.2023. Any persons find the said Documents may please be handed over the same to the undersigned. Sd/– Meena. S, Advocate Expert Jurist LLP, No. 6/24, 11 th Main Vijayanagar, Bangalore– 560040 9900725633/ 8296907391

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IN AND OUT

Bumrah rejoins his teammates, Samson released from squad

Jasprit Bumrah rejoined the squad while Sanju Samson was released as travelling reserve ahead of India's Asia Cup Super 4s match against Pakistan on Sunday. Bumrah, who had returned to India for the birth of his first child, arrived in Colombo on Friday morning. He also took part in India's first outdoor practice session.

FIT AND EAGER

Kusal Perera ready to take the field whenever needed: Silverwood

Sri Lanka coach Chris Silverwood feels that Kusal Perera is ready to start, if needed. "He got COVID, and it took him a while to recover from that properly. But he feels good now, so we've to prepare him well to make sure he is ready. We work very hard to make sure that even if you are not part of the XI, you still feel part of the family."

FINGERS CROSSED

Shanto is out for a couple of weeks, says coach Hathurusingha

Bangladesh coach Chandika Hathurusingha said, "Unfortunately, Shanto is out for a couple of weeks. We diagnosed it [hamstring injury] early and we took precautionary action as well; the World Cup is coming up and we don't want to take chances. If not for the World Cup, our decision would have been slightly different".

ONE FOR THE ALBUM

Dhoni spotted playing golf with former US President Trump

M.S. Dhoni was spotted enjoying a friendly round of golf with former US President Donald Trump at Trump National Golf Club Bedminster. A picture of the two and a video of them playing have been doing the rounds on social media. Dhoni was also seen enjoying the quarterfinal between Alcaraz and Zverev at the US Open a day earlier.

Bopanna creates history but falls just short of doubles title

The 43-year-old, who partnered Ebden at Flushing Meadows, became the oldest Grand Slam doubles finalist in the Open Era; Ram and Sailsbury the first duo to win three straight crowns at the final Major of the year

US OPEN

Press Trust of India
NEW YORK

Rohan Bopanna's agonising wait to win his maiden men's doubles Grand Slam title continued as he lost the hard-fought US Open final with partner Matthew Ebden to defending champions Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury here on Friday.

Playing only his second men's doubles final at a Major, Bopanna and his Australian teammate lost the title clash 6-2, 3-6, 4-6 after two hours and one minute. Ram and Sailsbury became the first duo to win three straight US Open titles.

Bopanna was playing the US Open final for the second time in his career and this time as the oldest player in the Open Era at 43. He had finished runner-up with Pakistan partner Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi back in 2010, losing the title clash to the Bryan brothers.

Third Slam final

It was the third Grand Slam final for Bopanna, who won his first and only Major in 2017 when he lifted the French Open mixed doubles trophy with Canadian partner Gabriela Dabrowski.

Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi are only two male tennis players from India to have won Grand Slam crowns.

Bopanna and Ebden got the start they wanted, breaking their rivals in the very first game and going on to win the set 6-2. Once the Indian started struggling with his serve, Ram's strategy of firing deep returns unsettled the duo. Once the holders went 4-2 up, they never looked back and took the match to the decider.

Down 2-4 in the final set, Bopanna showed exemplary sporting spirit and character when he himself conceded a point after a ball deflected off his right arm when his serving partner made a forehand return.

It was considered a winner as the chair umpire could not notice the deflection but the Indian himself told the umpire that he was conceding the point. Ebden held the serve and so did Bopanna in the next game. Ram came out to serve for the championship and there was no twist in the tale.

THE RESULTS

Final: Men's doubles: 3-Ram (USA) & Salisbury (GBr) bt 6-Bopanna & Ebden (Aus) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Semifinals: Women: 6-Gauff (USA) bt 10-Muchova (Cze) 6-4, 7-5; 2-Sabalenka bt 17-Keys (USA) 0-6, 7-6(1), 7-6(5).

Commendable: Bopanna and Ebden displayed admirable sportsmanship in the final, but ultimately had to settle for the runners up trophy. GETTY IMAGES

Sabalenka claws her way back to upstage Keys

Associated Press
NEW YORK

American teenager Coco Gauff shrugged off disruption from climate protesters to reach the US Open final on Thursday as Aryna Sabalenka survived a huge scare to stay on course for a second Grand Slam title.

A night of nerve-shredding semifinal drama saw Gauff reach the final for the first time with a 6-4, 7-5 defeat of the Czech Republic's 10th seed Karolina Muchova.

The 19-year-old Gauff showed great poise to remain unfazed after the match was halted for 49 minutes early in the second set when environmental activists staged a protest in the upper tiers of the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Play was held up as officials attempted to remove one of the protesters who had glued their bare feet to the concrete floor of the arena. The four protesters were later taken into police custody.

When play resumed, sixth seed Gauff closed out a hard-fought second set to advance to the second Grand Slam final of her career.

Gauff, who is now the youngest American woman to reach the US Open final since her idol Serena Williams in 1999, will face second seed Sabalenka in Saturday's final.

The 25-year-old from Belarus, who will take over the World No.1 ranking from Iga Swiatek at the conclusion of the tournament, has been in scintillating form in New York.

But she was forced to come back from the brink to dig out a 0-6, 7-6(1), 7-6 (5) win against American 17th seed Madison Keys in 2hr 32min to reach the final.

"I'm really proud of myself that I was able to turn around this game and get this win, because it was just incredible," Sabalenka said after the victory.

"I was just, like, 'Come on, keep trying, keep pushing, like, I don't know, do something extra. Just try to turn around this match.'

"I think this kind of thinking really helped me to stay in the game and to keep trying, keep pushing, to still have this belief that I have a chance to turn around this match."

Sabalenka suffered a disastrous opening set and then fell a break behind in the second to leave Keys serving for the match at 5-4.

But the Australian Open champion roared back to force a tie-break which she won emphatically and then rode her luck in the deciding set, once again recovering from a break down to set up another tie-break.

She was left blushing after mistakenly celebrating victory in the tie-break when she went 7/3 ahead, forgetting the 2022 rule change which dictates that final set tie-breaks are now first-to-10.

But she quickly regrouped to close out a Houdini act that had looked improbable after her out-of-sorts display for most of the first and second sets.

Houdini act: Sabalenka was forced to come back from the brink to dig out a 0-6, 7-6(1), 7-6(5) win against Keys. GETTY IMAGES

Reserve day only for India-Pakistan Super 4s game causes an uproar

ASIA CUP

Amol Karhadkar
COLOMBO

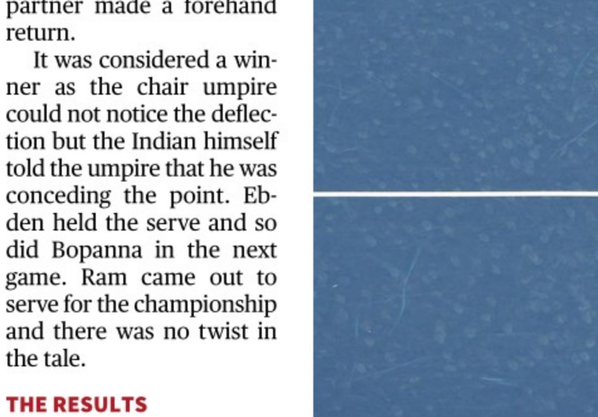
It's my bat, I will set the rules. The rule that's been the mantra in gully cricket seems to have been adopted for the Asia Cup as well, with a reserve day having been added for only one of the six Super 4s matches – between India and Pakistan.

That a reserve day will be added for the marquee clash was being whispered ever since the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) decided against moving the remaining matches from Colombo to Hambantota. On Friday, a notification issued for ticket-holders confirmed the move.

"If adverse weather suspends play during the Pakistan vs India game, the match will continue on September 11 from the point it was suspended," stated the advisory, issued by the Pakistan Cricket Board, the tournament host. "In such an eventuality, ticket-holders are advised to hold on to their match tickets which will remain valid and will be utilised for the reserve day."

When the tournament fixtures were announced, only the final had a reserve day.

Moreover, only one game having a reserve day may result in undue advantage for both the teams should weather play spoilsport for most of the Super 4s.



Just not cricket: The special treatment afforded for the India-Pakistan game has given the two an undue advantage. AFP

A competitive tournament – irrespective of the discipline and the level, even amateurish – is always played with the same rules for all the teams involved. No wonder that the other two teams – Bangladesh and Sri Lanka – are disturbed with the development.

However, the head coaches of both the camps preferred to be cautious, considering the might of the ACC – whose president Jay Shah is also the BCCI secretary and the PCB is the host. "I have not seen anything like this earlier. This is something new. It's not ideal," said Chandika Hathurusingha, the Bangladesh head coach, on Friday, ahead of his team's clash against Sri Lanka.

"We would love to have an extra day as well. Other than that I don't have much comment because they (technical committee) have made a decision. There is a technical committee (in Asia Cup) represented by every participating country. They might have decided it with some other reason."

Chris Silverwood, Hathurasingha's Sri Lanka counterpart, was a little more conservative. "Little surprised when I first heard, but at the same time we are not the organisers of the competition so not a lot we can do about that," Silverwood said.

The Hindu gathers that the ACC acceded to the broadcaster's demand after declining to shift the event out of Colombo.

A must-win game for Bangladesh

Dhruva Prasad
COLOMBO

The smell of fresh paint and the blaze of the welding machine in the media box ahead of the Asia Cup Super-Four match between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh at the R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo are ciphers for the eleventh minute confirmation of the venue following heavy rains in the capital city last week.

And even though the skies cleared on the eve of the game, the teams lock horns under the shadow of the announcement of a reserve day for the India versus Pakistan clash on September 10, which left coaches of both sides surprised.

Bangladesh, however, will have little time to dwell on the politics of sport as it faces the host for the second time in just over a week in a must-win game.

Its fortunes have revolved around its batting, which has blown hot-and-cold, as has the form of makeshift opener Mehidy Hasan Miraz. He could be joined at the top by the consistent Litton Das even as the Tigers come to terms with the loss of in-form Najmul Hossain Shanto to injury.

Their pace trio of Taskin Ahmed, Shoriful Islam and Hasan Mahmud will be key against Sri Lanka, which is on a 12-match unbeaten streak, but scraped through to the Super-Four stage.

While the Lankan batting seems to be coming into its own, the host's pacers were taken to the cleaners by the Afghans and will have their task cut out against an enviable batting depth, which is yet to fire in unison.

TODAY'S MATCH

SUPER 4s

Sri Lanka Cricket vs. Bangladesh Cricket Board

Colombo, 3.00 p.m. IST

H2H in ODIs

Played: **52**

Sri Lanka **41** | Bangladesh **9** | NR **2**

Buttler celebrates birthday in style

Agence France-Presse
CARDIFF

Jos Buttler top-scored with 72 as England reached 291 for six in its 50 overs against New Zealand in the first ODI on Friday.

England captain Buttler, on his 33rd birthday, led the way on an awkward pitch as four England batters passed fifty. Together with the returning Ben Stokes (52), Buttler shared a fourth-wicket partnership of 88 in 17 overs after England was asked to bat.

Liam Livingstone's typically dashing 52 off 40 balls, including three sixes, took the hosts past 250 in the opening match of the four-game series. New Zealand left-arm spinner Rachin Ravindra took three for 48 in 10 overs.

This was the first time the teams were meeting in an ODI after England's dramatic Super Over win in the 2019 World Cup final. Buttler and Stokes consolidated, with England's limited-overs skipper completing a 48-ball fifty. Stokes went to the landmark with a six over midwicket off Ravindra. But the bowler had his revenge next ball, when Stokes slapped him to cover to leave England 189 for four in the 38th over.

Livingstone, caught in the deep off a Ferguson no-ball on 40, holed out off Tim Southee's slower ball and the veteran seamer also dismissed Buttler. But his last ball of the innings was smashed over long-on for six by David Willey.

The scores: England 291/6 in 50 overs (Buttler 72, Malan 54, Stokes 52, Livingstone 52, Ravindra 3/48) vs New Zealand.

Buttler... on song. REUTERS

INBRIEF

Gundogan to lead Germany before it hosts Euro 2024

Barcelona midfielder Ilkay Gundogan will captain Germany, manager Hansi Flick confirmed on Friday, nine months before the country hosts Euro 2024. Gundogan skippered Premier League and European champion Manchester City during the 2022-23 campaign before leaving for La Liga. The 32-year-old will wear the German captain's armband during Saturday's international friendly against Japan in Wolfsburg. In the absence of goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, who fractured his right leg in early December 2022, Flick had opted for Joshua Kimmich as captain in March-June.

India's Manav Thakkar bows out in pre-quarters

India's Manav Thakkar went down to third-seeded Ma Long of China 9-11, 10-12, 5-11 in the men's pre-quarterfinals of the 26th-ITTF Asian table tennis championships in Pyeongchang (South Korea) on Friday. With Manav's exit, India's presence in the continental championships came to an end. In the third round, Manav had upset Kao Cheng-Jui, World No.33. Earlier in the day, Sharath Kamal and G. Sathiyan lost in the men's singles third round. Then, the women's doubles pair of Sutirtha Mukherjee & Ayhika Mukherjee bowed out in the quarterfinals.

The results: Men: Pre-quarterfinals: Ma Long bt Manav Thakkar 11-9, 12-10, 11-5; **Third round:** Thakkar bt Kao Cheng-Jui (Tpe) 11-8, 8-11, 11-7, 11-7; Jaehyun An (Kor) bt G. Sathiyan 9-11, 11-9, 11-5, 9-11, 13-11; Yuta Tanaka (Jpn) bt Sharath Kamal 11-8, 11-8, 11-7.

Women: Third round: Orawan Paranang (Tha) bt Sutirtha Mukherjee 11-9, 11-6, 11-4; Xington Chen (Chn) bt Ayhika Mukherjee 2-11, 6-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-3; **Doubles: Quarterfinals:** Manyu Wang & Meng Chen (Chn) bt Sutirtha & Ayhika 11-5, 13-11, 12-10.

LIVE TELECAST

Asia Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3 p.m.

England Women vs Sri Lanka Women: 1st ODI, Sony LIV & FanCode, 3.30 p.m.

South Africa vs Australia: 2nd ODI, Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), Hotstar & FanCode, 4.30 p.m.

Euro 2024, European Qualifiers: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 p.m. & Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 9.30 & 12.15 a.m. (Sunday)

US Open: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 9.30 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Messi magic takes Argentina past Ecuador in WC qualifiers

Colombia beats Venezuela through Borre's strike while Paraguay and Peru are involved in a goalless stalemate; France stays perfect in its bid to make the grade for Euro 2024, Poland wins to revive campaign

FOOTBALL

Associated Press
BUENOS AIRES

Stunning strike: Messi's exquisitely taken free-kick floats over the Ecuadorian defence. GETTY IMAGES

Lionel Messi came to Argentina's rescue as he scored from a free kick in the 78th minute to give Argentina a 1-0 win against Ecuador in the first round of South American World Cup qualifying on Thursday. It was Messi's 104th goal in 176 international appearances, including his 29th in World Cup qualifying. Those 29 goals equal the record of Luis Suarez of Uruguay.

Earlier, Colombia beat Venezuela 1-0 with a header by Rafael Santos Borre in the 46th minute. Paraguay and Peru drew 0-0.

Two-time champion France was rock solid again as it resumed its qualifying campaign for the European Championship with a fifth straight win, while the Netherlands eased to a 3-0 victory over Greece to keep its chances alive in Group B.

France remained perfect and produced yet another clean sheet, beating Ireland 2-0.

In trouble after losing two of its opening three games, Poland revived its chances with a brace from Robert Lewandowski in a 2-0 win over the Faeroe Island in Group E.

The results: World Cup qualifying: Argentina 1 (Messi 78) bt Ecuador 0; Paraguay 0 drew with Peru 0; Colombia 1 (Borre 46) bt Venezuela 0.
Euro 2024: Group B: France 2 (Tchouameni 19, Thuram 48) bt Republic of Ireland 0; Netherlands 3 (De Roon 17, Gakpo 31, Weghorst 39) bt Greece 0.
Group E: Czech Republic 1 (Cerny 56) drew with Albania 1 (Bajrami 66); Poland 2 (Lewandowski 73-pen, 83) bt Faroe Islands 0.
Group G: Lithuania 2 (Paulauskas 71, Cernych 90+4) drew with Montenegro 2 (Krstovic 78, Savic 89); Serbia 1 (Szalai 10-og) lost to Hungary 2 (Varga 34, Orban 36).
Group H: Kazakhstan 0 lost to Finland 1 (Antman 78); Denmark 4 (Hojbjerg 26, Maehle 28, Wind 40, Poulsen 90+3) bt San Marino 0; Slovenia 4 (Sporar 3, 56, Evans 17-og, Sesko 42) bt Northern Ireland 2 (Price 7, Evans 53).

Unfortunately the second penalty was questionable: Gurpreet

Press Trust of India
CHIANG MAI (THAILAND)

Indian football team captain Gurpreet Singh Sandhu was critical of the second penalty awarded to Iraq after the team's heartbreaking 4-5 defeat in the shoot-out in the King's Cup semifinal here.

Sandhu told the AIFF, "Obviously, it's a hard result to digest. I think we could've won the game. Unfortunately, the second penalty which was awarded was questionable."

However, he expressed his satisfaction with the overall performance of the team despite the absence of veteran striker Sunil Chhetri.

India plays Lebanon in the bronze-medal play-off.

Mayank and Nazerke crowned champions

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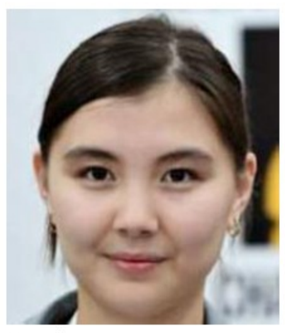

Nazerke.

CHESS

Sports Bureau

India's Mayank Chakraborty and Kazakhstan's Nazerke Nurgali emerged winners in the Tata Steel Asian junior rapid chess in Jamshedpur on Friday.

The standings: Open: 1. Mayank Chakraborty 7; 2-8. L. Srihari, Rohith S. Krishna, L.R. Srihari, G.B. Harshavardhan, Abilmansur Abdilkhair (Kaz), Aleksey Grebnev (FIDE) and Dilshan Liyanage (SL) 6.5; 9-11. Ritvik Krishnan, S. Aswath and Zhangir Bizhigitov (Kaz) 6; 12-15. M. Anees Mohamed, Dhyey Agarwal, Manish Crstiano and Kushagra Mohan 5.5.

Girls: 1. Nazerke Nurgali (Kaz) 7.5; 2-4. L. Jyothsna, Mrudul Dehankar and Masanam Divyabharathi 7; 5. Mrittika Mallick 6.5; 6-11. V. Rindhya, Sachi Jain, Zeinep Sultanbek (Kaz), Ayaululm Kaldrovva (Kaz), Bhagyashree Patil and G. Tejaswini 6; 12-16. Anastasia Ivanova, Keerti Reddy, Bristy Mukherjee and Dakshita Kumawat 5.5.

Praggnanandhaa in sole lead after a wild day of blitz event at Tata Steel Chess India

P.K. Ajith Kumar
KOLKATA

Much could happen when nine rounds of blitz chess are played in a day. It certainly did at the National Library, on the first day of the open blitz event of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament on Friday.

R. Praggnanandhaa was looking unstoppable well into the half-way mark of the day's proceedings. He won five games on the trot – the second of which came against the top seed and rapid champion here, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France. He drew in the sixth, before tasting his first defeat in the following round.

Vidit Gujrathi was the one who defeated the World Cup finalist. By the end of the eighth round, the older Indian snatched the lead from Praggnanandhaa, who suffered another loss, this time at the hands of fellow-Chennaite D. Gukesh.

Deep thought: Praggnanandhaa is a picture of concentration on day one of the blitz event. DEBASISH BHADURI

Praggnanandhaa, however, defeated Arjun Erigaisi in the day's last round, and then watched Gujrathi going down to Uzbekistan's Nodirbek Abdusattorov. That meant he was back in the sole lead position, with 6.5 points.

Gujrathi is on six points, as is Alexander Grischuk, the three-time World blitz champion from Russia. The two men in fact played a game that lasted an astonishing 173 moves before ending in a draw. Gujrathi had two knights, while Grischuk had nobody to defend his king, but it had been a theoretically drawn position for long.

With another nine rounds remaining, players like Arjun and Gukesh, who are on 4.5 points, could still pose challenges. So could Vachier-Lagrave, who is on four points, despite losing his first three games.

The results: Ninth round: Teimour Radjabov (Aze) 2 lost to Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra) 4; R Praggnanandhaa 6.5 bt Arjun Erigasi 4.5; Vincent Keymer (Ger) 3.5 bt D. Gukesh 4.5; Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb) 4 bt Vidit Gujrathi 6; P. Harikrishna 4 drew with Alexander Grischuk (Rus) 6.
Eighth round: Vachier-Lagrave bt Harikrishna; Grischuk drew with Abdusattorov; Gurathi bt Keymer; Gukesh bt Praggnanandhaa; Arjun lost to Radjabov.
Seventh round: Arjun bt Vachier-Lagrave; Radjabov lost to Gukesh; Praggnanandhaa lost to Gujrathi; Keymer lost to Grischuk; Abdusattorob bt Harikrishna.

Sumit Nagal in quarterfinals of Tulln Challenger

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Sumit Nagal beat eighth seed Vitaliy Sachko of Ukraine 7-6(2), 3-6, 6-3 in the pre-quarterfinals of the €118,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Tulln, Austria.

Other results: €145,000 Challenger, Seville, Spain: Doubles (quarterfinals): Sriram Balaji & Fernando Romboli (Bra) bt Alex Lawson (USA) & Eero Vasa (Fin) 6-3, 6-2.
$80,000 Challenger, Istanbul, Turkey: Doubles (quarterfinals): Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan & John-Patrick Smith (Aus) 1-0 (retired).
$25,000 ITF men, Kigali, Rwanda: Singles (quarterfinals): Oliver Crawford (USA) bt Rishab Agarwal 6-0, 6-2; Damien Wenger (Sui) bt Ishaque Eqbal 6-2, 7-5; Benjamin Lock (Zim) bt Atharva Sharma 6-1, 6-2. **Doubles (semifinals):** Abraham Asaba (Gha) & Guy Orly Iradukunda (Bdi) bt Siddhant Banthia & Sai Karteek Reddy 7-6(4), 76(5).
$15,000 ITF men, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand: Singles (quarterfinals): Moerani Bouzige (Aus) bt Sidharth Rawat 7-6(6), 6-7(1), 6-3.
$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Doubles (semifinals): Samir Banerjee (USA) & Chirag Duhan bt Peter Bertran (Dom) & Aleksandr Lobanov 7-6(2), 6-1.
$40,000 ITF women, Saint-Palais-sur-Mer, France: Doubles (semifinals): Victoria Muntean (Fra) & Vasanti Shinde bt Maria Mateas &Grace Min (USA) 7-5, 4-6, [12-10].
$25,000 ITF women, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand: Doubles (semifinals): Punnin Kovapitukted (Tha) & Tang Qianhui (Chn) bt Shrivalli Bhamidipaty & Vaidehi Chaudhari 2-6, 6-3, [10-8].

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Government of Odisha
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CUTTACK (R&B) CIRCLE, CUTTACK
('e' – PROCUREMENT NOTICE)
Bid Identification No.CCE.Ctc.(R&B)17/2023-24

1. The Chief Construction Engineer, Cuttack (R&B) Circle, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on Percentage rate basis bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Road, Building and Minor Bridge works as mentioned below.
2. No. of work : 05 Nos.
3. Nature of work : Road, and Building Work.
4. Class of contractor : 'B', 'A' & Special Class
5. Tender Paper Cost : Rs.10000/- (Online)
6. Available of bid document in the web site : From 12.09.2023 to 17.30 Hours of 26.09.2023
7. Date of opening of bid : Dt. 27.09.2023 at 11.00 Hours.
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said web site.

Sd/- P.K.Rath
Chief Construction Engineer, Cuttack (R&B) Circle
B-860: OIPR-34012/11/0030/2324

OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES ZONE, BANSWARA
Mahi Colony, Udaipur Road, Banswara (Rajasthan) 327001
Email: acewrbsw@gmail.com
No.- ACE/WR/Actt./2023/1627 E-NIT No. 14/2023-24 Dated 22.08.2023
Bids for the works mentioned below are invited from interested bidders upto dated 12.09.2023 till 06:00 PM

S. N.	Name of Work	Bid Cost (Lakh)
1	Balance work of Construction of Tunnel RD 1665 to 3510 m (Including approaches of 50 m at each end) for Khamera Canal	982.11

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the Procurement portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd
UBN:- WRD2324WLOB01009
Additional Chief Engineer
Water Resources Zone, Banswara
DIPR/C/13043/23

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Andhra Pradesh State Development Planning Society
Planning Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh
5th Floor, Manvitha Mansion, Opp. Andhra Loyola College Auditorium, Venkateswara Nagar, Vijayawada-520008. Tel: 0866-2484820
Notification for Recruitment: No.30-1/ADMN/APSDPS/2022
Invites applications from eligible candidates for the posts of Executive Director-1, Senior Consultant-2, Consultant-3, Analyst-2 & Interns-8 on contract basis for a period of three years for Centre for Strategic Planning and Governance (CSPG). For further details please visit the Website http://apsdps.ap.gov.in The eligible candidates may submit their applications by email / post / person before 5.00 PM on 29-09-2023.
Date: 09-09-2023
Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, APSDPS
Planning Department
DIPR 2335PP/CL, Dt: 08-09-2023

Office of Additional Chief Engineer PHED, Region, Bharatpur
Tele phone No. 05644-222731, 221500, Email: rj_acebha@nic.in
Notice Inviting Bid No. 98-101/2023-24
Online bids for NIT No. 98-101/2023-24 (04 work), Costing Rs. 2820.75 Lacs is invited on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan from eligible enlisted in appropriate class contractors of PHED, Rajasthan and meeting eligibility criteria. Contractors enlisted with other departments of Government of Rajasthan and enlisted with CPWD/Postal/Telecom/Railways/MES/other State Government/ Central Government undertakings/ organization in class equivalent to "A/AA" class of Rajasthan (as applicable) and meeting prescribed eligibility criteria may also apply. Details of this Bid notification and pre-qualification criteria can also be seen in NIB exhibited on web site www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. Bids are to be submitted online electronic format on website http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in from 21.08.2023 to 13.09.2023 (6 PM) & Bids are to be opened at 11.00 Am on 14.09.2023.
NIB Code: PHE2324A2992
UBN No. 1. PHE2324WLOB06734, 2. PHE2324WSOB06735, 3. PHE2324WSOB06736, 4. PHE2324WSOB06737,
(Parshuram Verma)
Addl. Chief Engineer
PHED, Region Bharatpur
DIPR/C/12942/2023

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER,
MAHANADI, BRAHMANI & BAITARANI SYSTEM, CHANDIKHOLE
E-mail ID : cembbschandikhole@gmail.com
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
"e" Procurement Notice No:- CE&BM, MBBS 07 OF 2023-24
Bid Identification No: CE&BM, MBBS JPD 03 OF 2023-24
The Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi, Brahmani & Baitarani System, Chandikhole on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on-line percentage rate tender through e-procurement in double cover system.
Table-1 : Details of Critical Dates, details of work, Bid Security

Pkg. No.	Name of works	Approx. Tender Cost	Class of Contractor	EMD-(online) (in INR)	Cost of tender document (online) (in INR)	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Construction of Panasa Cut, Jajpur	Rs.3483.02 Lakh (Excluding G.S.T)	'Super' & 'Special' Class	Rs.34,83,100/-	Rs.10,000/-	24 (Twenty Four) Calendar Months

Table-2 : e-Procurement Details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender on-line for bidding		Date of Seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender		Place of Opening
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi, Brahmani & Baitarani System, Chandikhole	CE&BM, MBBS JPD 03 OF 2023-24	Dt.14.09.2023 at 10.00 hours	Dt.05.10.2023 up to 17.00 hours	Dt.14.09.2023 to 04.10.2023 at Office during office hours	Dt.06.10.2023 at 11.30 Hours	To be intimated after evaluation of Technical Bid	Office of Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi, Brahmani & Baitarani System, Chandikhole

Further details can be seen from the Govt. Web site www.tendersodisha.gov.in
*Other Terms & conditions can be seen from the Government website www.tendersodisha.gov.in
*The Corrigendum/ cancellation of Tender, if any, will be uploaded and can be seen from the above website only.
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, MBBS, Chandikhole
A-535: OIPR-32415/11/0010/2324

KALYANA KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Stores & Purchase Department, Central Offices,
Sarige Sadana, Main Road, Kalaburagi-585 102.
Tel. & Fax No. 08472-224428, Mobile No. 77606 86172 (COSP), 77609 92029 (S.O).
No. KKRTC/CO/COSP/ 05 /2023-24 Dated: 07.09.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDER (THROUGH KPP PORTAL MODE ONLY)
Tenders through KPP portal (pre-qualification & commercial) are invited for supply of goods / service of following items.

Tender No. & date	Tender nomenclature	Value	Last date & time for submission of tender through KPP Portal
G-08/23-24 dtd: 07.09.23	Supply of Passenger Seat Foams	Rs. 66.00 lakhs	06-10-2023 up to 15:30 Hrs
G-09/23-24 dtd: 07.09.23	Supply of Mirror & Mirror Brackets.	Rs. 20.97 lakhs	
G-10/23-24 dtd: 07.09.23	Supply of Front Show, FRP Panel & Dash Boards	Rs. 41.47 lakhs	

All the details of Tender, Registration, Tender form documents etc. are available at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home. Mail to cospnekrtc@gmail.com or support@eprochelpdesk.com for further information if required. Further, any addendum / corrigendum related to changes in terms and conditions of tender, specification and calendar of events etc. will be uploaded only through KPP Portal.
Sd/- Controller of Stores and Purchases
(Tender Inviting Authority)
DIPR/Kalaburagi/264/KSMC&A/2023-24

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
232433 000213	Imported Limestone with 86% purity for Cement Plant	16.09.2023
232413 003870	Recovering of Calender ECO Soft Roll for Paper Machine #3	26.09.2023
232413 003893	Heavy Duty LDPE Shrink Film Roll 70/80 Microns of various sizes for Unit-I	22.09.2023
232413 003910	Procurement of Maize Based Native Starch (In Jumbo Bags) for Unit-I	21.09.2023
232423 002212	Procurement of Machine Felts for Board Machine	22.09.2023
Email	232433000213 - purchase.fuel@tnpl.co.in 232413003870 - purchase.imp@tnpl.co.in 232413003893 - purchase.packing@tnpl.co.in 232413003910 - purchase.rawmatl@tnpl.co.in 232423002212 - purchaseimp.u2@tnpl.co.in	

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL website and NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & conditions are available in tender document at our websites : www.tnpl.com / www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
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BENGALURU ROUND UP

Champs: The Haryana girls and Karnataka boys' teams that won at the 46th inter State - inter-Zonal National badminton. K. MURALI KUMAR

Karnataka and Haryana claim team titles

Karnataka and Haryana emerged the boys' and girls' team champions respectively in the Yonex-Sunrise inter-State - inter-Zonal badminton championship here on Friday.

Karnataka defeated Manipur 2-0, with Ayush Shetty notching up the singles win and the Nicholas Nathan Raj and Tushar Suveer duo securing the doubles.

For Haryana girls, Unnati Hooda led the charge, winning her singles match and then combined with Anmol Kharb to help clinch the tie 2-0.

The results (finals):
Boys: Karnataka bt Manipur 2-0 (Ayush Shetty bt Malemnganba Singh Hemam 21-14, 21-9; Nicholas Nathan Raj & Tushar Suveer bt Rohenkumar Singh Haobijam & Alen Singh Rajkumar 21-19, 21-17). **Girls:** Haryana bt Uttarakhand 2-0 (Unnati Hooda bt Anushka Juyal 21-12, 21-14; Unnati & Anmol Kharb bt Gayatri Rawat & Mansa Rawat 23-25, 21-14, 21-12).

Chandan topples Sehaj, enters final

Chandan Shivaraj felled the boys' top seed Sehaj Singh Pawar 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 to enter the final of the ITF Junior J30 Bengaluru tennis tournament here on Friday. In the summit clash, Chandan will take on Aradhya Kshitij. In the girls category, Amodini Naik will spar with Laxmisri Dandu for the top prize.

The results (semifinals): Boys: Chandan Shivaraj bt Sehaj Singh Pawar 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; Aradhya Kshitij bt Kevin Titus Suresh 6-2, 1-6, 7-5.
Girls: Amodini Naik bt Saumrita Jagatdeo Verma 6-4, 6-3; Laxmisri Dandu bt Saumya Ronde 6-0, 6-4.

Gaurab nets two as Real Chikkamagaluru wins big

Gaurab scored a brace as Real Chikkamagaluru FC thrashed FC Agniputhra 5-1 in the BDFA Super Division football league here on Friday.

The results: Real Chikkamagaluru FC 5 (Virendra Singh Thapa 35, Nischith Singh Thapa 37, Gaurab 63, 71, Alok Singh 84) bt FC Agniputhra 1 (Lalnunzama 13); Bangalore Dream United FC 1 (M.P. Muhammed Adhilsan 55) bt Rebels FC 0.

Women's Super Division League from Sept. 11

The Karnataka State Football Association will organise the sixth edition of its Women's Super Division League from September 11.

Kickstart FC Karnataka, Misaka United FC, Kemp FC, Parikrma FC, Maatrupratisthana FC, Pink Panthers FC, Roots Football School, Rebels Women's FC and Bengaluru FC are the nine teams in fray.

The winner, and potentially the runner-up, will earn the right to participate in the Indian Women's League that is set to be held in November 2023.

Kushwah's unbeaten ton props up Madhya Pradesh against Delhi

BUCHI BABU

S. Dipak Ragav
COIMBATORE

Madhya Pradesh opener Sumit Kushwah put his team in the driver's seat with a well-crafted, unbeaten century (100 batting, 269b, 10x4, 1x6) against Delhi on the opening day of the Take Sports All India Buchi Babu tournament final here on Friday.

Electing to bat, MP finished on a strong 271 for three, thanks to valuable half-centuries from opener Arham Aqueel (65) and later Aniket Verma (68). It

Sumit Kushwah (MP, 100 batting).

was the second century in as many games for the 21-year-old after he scored one against TNCA XI in the semifinals in Dindigul last week.

He looked compact in his defence and took his time in slowly accumulating runs.

On an easy batting surface at the Sri Ramakrishna College ground, MP had no hesitation in opting to bat first, and Aqueel led the way with two crisp cover drives in the first over off Siddhant Sharma.

Kushwah and the left-handed Aqueel set the platform with a 110-run opening-wicket stand, with the latter playing some clean drives through the off-side.

Later, Aniket Verma boosted the scoring rate as he took on the spinners by lofting them down the ground repeatedly in a 115-run stand for the third wicket with Kushwah.

Playing freely

In the final session, Kushwah played with more freedom, cutting and pulling the spinners whenever they erred in length.

It was a hard toil for the Delhi bowlers, and things could have been different had Arpit Rana held on to a sharp chance at short-leg off Shokeen when Kushwah was on 53.

The scores: MP 271/3 in 89 overs (Arham Aqueel 65, Sumit Kushwah 100 batting, Aniket Verma 68) vs Delhi. **Toss:** MP.

Happy we reached final with a young side: MP coach Pandit

Sports Bureau
COIMBATORE

With Madhya Pradesh starting on the right note in the final against Delhi, head coach Chandrakant Pandit was pleased with the showing of his young side in reaching the summit clash.

Bench strength

"The tournament has helped us to evaluate back-up options for every spot and test our bench strength. I am happy we have reached the finals with a young team," said Pandit.

Commenting on Sumit Kushwah's second ton, Pandit added, "He has always shown potential and displayed great determination."

"Even though he has taken a lot of balls to score the centuries, he has shown the skill of staying at the crease, and that is how he will gain confidence," Kushwah added.

Following the plans

Meanwhile, Kushwah said, "I just followed the plans given by the coach, which is to bat long. It is the final, and I wanted to give the side a good start. Considering this is a four-day match, I didn't take risks when they were bowling well."

Sixteen umpires to officiate in ODI WC

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

Nitin Menon and Kumar Dharmasena will officiate in the World Cup opener between England and New Zealand on October 5, while former pacer Javagal Srinath will serve as the match referee, the ICC announced on Friday.

Paul Wilson and Saikat will be the TV umpire and the fourth umpire respectively in the tournament opener to be played in Ahmedabad.

Sixteen umpires will officiate in the 13th edition of the tournament, including all 12 of the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires and four members of the ICC Emerging Umpires Panel.

The Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees is represented at the event by a quartet of former international cricketers – Jeff Crowe, Andy Pycroft, Richie Richardson and Srinath.

Only for league

The officials have been named for the entirety of the league segment, with the selections for the semi-finals and final of the tournament to be named in due course.

The list of umpires:
Chris Brown, Kumar Dharmasena, Marais Erasmus, Chris Gaffaney, Michael Gough, Adrian Holdstock, Richard Illingworth, Richard Kettleborough, Nitin Menon, Ahsan Raza, Paul Reiffel, Sharfuddoula Ibne Shaid, Rod Tucker, Alex Wharf, Joel Wilson and Paul Wilson.

Green's injury provides Labuschagne an opportunity to stake his claim

CRICKET

Agence France-Presse
BLOEMFONTEIN

All-rounder Cameron Green will miss a substantial part of Australia's World Cup build-up after being struck on the head by a ball from Kagiso Rabada during the first ODI against South Africa on Thursday.

It also provides an opportunity for Marnus Labuschagne to press his claims for a call-up if a vacancy opens up in the World Cup squad, thanks to his match-winning knock on Thursday.

After his match-winning performance on Thursday he played down his chances of getting to the World Cup.

"I wasn't too shocked when I was dropped. But I did say (to the selectors) that I still want to be that person batting for you in the middle order. You've just got to sit tight and wait for that opportunity and when the opportunity comes you have to be ready."

The scores: South Africa 222 in 49 overs (Bavuma 114 n.o.) lost to Australia 225/7 in 40.2 overs (Labuschagne 80 n.o., Agar 48 n.o.).

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, B.Lakshmipathy, S/o Late B.Krishnamurthy, residing at No.1314, Konark, 20th Main, 7th Cross, Near J.P.Nagar Police Station, J.P.Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560078, hereby notify the General Public that I intend to purchase a residential Flat, the details of which are given in the Schedule hereunder from its Owners Smt. Savithri Sathyanarayana and Sri N.S. Satyanarayana and in case any person/Bank/Financial Institution has any objection for this transaction may notify me within Seven **(7) days** from this date. In case I do not receive any objection from anybody within the said period, I will proceed to complete the transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that part and parcel of Flat No.201 situated on the First Floor of the Apartment Complex known as R.S.Elegance with super built-up area of 1400 sq.ft with 411.8 square feet of undivided right title and interest in the land along with one covered car parking area, constructed on Bangalore Development Site bearing No.2010 situated at 20th Main Road, Second Phase Extension, JP Nagar, Bangalore-560078 measuring east to West 39.93 + 35.36 divided by 2 metres and north South 18.29 meters totally measuring 688.43 square meters presently under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike having PID number 57-79-2010 which is bounded on:

East by: Site Nos. 2005 and 2006
West by: Road
North by: Site Nos. 2008 and 2009
South by: Site No. 2011
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 09-09-2023

B. Lakshmipathy, No.1314, Konark, 20th Main, 7th Cross, Near J.P.Nagar Police Station, J.P.Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-78, Mobile: 9448228484

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOSS OF ORIGINAL SALE DEED

It is informed to the public that my client **Sri. A. SELVARAJ,** S/o. Annamalai, Aged about 64 years, R/at. #40, Geetharaj Nivas, 4th Cross, Jai Bharath Nagar, Near Banaswadi Railway station, Bangalore North, Maruthi Seva Nagar, Bangalore -560033, represented that while travelling from **Jai Bharath Nagar, Bangalore-560033 to Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Mysore Road,** he has lost/misplaced the original **SALE DEED dated 26/04/1993, having its Registered Document No.965/93-94, Book-I, Volume No.713, at pages 144 -148 registered in the office of sub registrar, Kengeri** pertaining to the schedule property executed by Smt. Vimala. Hence our client had lodged a report intimating the loss of said original in e-lost report in the Karnataka State Police vide **Lost Report No. 718860/2023 on 08/09/2023.**

The finders of the above documents are requested to return the same to my below mentioned address within **15 days.**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Khatha No.291, House List No.467, situated at Halagevaderahally Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 52 + 55 /2 feet and North to South 62 + 50 /2 feet, (Rectified Extent East to West 50+62/2, North to South 52+55/2) in all measuring 2996 Sq. Ft,** and bounded on:

East by : BEML Society's Land (rectified as Road), West by : Road, (rectified as BEML Soceity's sites), North by : Road, (rectified as Property No.468 belonging to Smt.Kokila), South by : Property No.467. (rectified as Road facing to 7th Main Road, 1st Phase, 5th Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar)

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Sarvagnanagara Division, P.U. Building, 7th Floor, M.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

No: EE/SGN/TEND/02/2023-24 **Date: 08-09-2023**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (Sarvagnanagara Division), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for the Construction of Works detailed below.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-1)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Providing Mobile Immersion Tank for Ganesha Festival in Ward No. 27, 28, 29, 49 & 59, Maruthisevanagara Sub Division, Sarvagnanagara Division (2 point in Each Ward)	6.20	15,500/-
2	Providing Mobile Immersion Tank for Ganesha Festival in Ward No. 23, 24 & 30, HBR Layout Sub Division, Sarvagnanagara Division (2 point in Each Ward)	3.72	9,300/-

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 08-09-2023. 2)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Tender Document is **15-09-2023 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Date of Opening of Tenders is on **16-09-2023 at 4.30 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Sarvagnanagara Division, BBMP.

Office of The Chief Engineer-cum-Executive Director
Programme Management Unit
Drinking Water & Sanitation Department
Doranda Bazar Water Tower Campus, Doranda, Ranchi-834002
Fax/Phone:0651-2480166Email:swsm.jharkhand@gmail.com

E-Request For ProposalShort Notice
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Sl.	Name of the Work	Name of Work :SUPPLYING VARIOUS CHEMICALS AND REAGENTS in 16 nos. Of State/District water testing laboratories of Jharkhand(State Lab, Ranchi, State Lab Store, District Lab-Deoghar, Godda, Jamtara, Sahebganj, Dumka-1, Pakur, Dhanbad-1, Chaas, Giridih-1, Sub Divisional Lab-Rajmahal, , Saraikela and Kharsaawaan/Jamshedpur/Chaibassa and Khunti)
1	Date of Short Notice Uploading on website	08.09.2023 – 04:00 PM
2	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	12.09.2023 in the Office of the Chief Engineer-cum-Executive Director, Programme Management Unit, DWSD, Jharkhand, Doranda, Ranchi at11:30 AM
3	Bid Submission Start Date	13.09.2023 – from 10 :00 AM
4	Bid Submission End Date	23.09.2023– upto 04:00 PM
7	Last Date of Submission of Cost of BOQ and EMD (In Hard Copy)	25.09.2023upto 04:00 PM in the Office of the Chief Engineer-cum-Executive Director, Programme Management Unit, DWSD, Jharkhand, Doranda, Ranchi
8	Date of Opening of Tender	26.09.2023 – 01:00 PM
9	Name & Address of Office Inviting Tender	Office of the Chief Engineer-cum-Executive Director, Programme Management Unit, DWSD, Jharkhand, Doranda, Ranchi
10	Email	swsm.jharkhand@gmail.com
11	Contact No. of Procurement Office	0651-2480166

NB:- For Details
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1. For any Clarification please visit: Office of the Chief Engineer cum-Executive Director Programme Management Unit, DWSD, Jharkhand,Doranda, Ranchi
2. The undersigned reserves the right to reject one or all bids or distribute the same amongst one or more bidders without assigning any reason thereof.

(Shishir Kumar Soren)
PR 306393 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 23-24 (D) Chief Engineer-HQ

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

FOR SUPPLY OF FOOD MATERIALS TO PRE-METRIC, POST METRIC HOSTELS AND Dr: A.P.J ABDUL KALAM RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL/ MORARJI DESAI RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS/ COLLEGES COMING UNDER MINORITY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS HAVERI DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

District Officer Minorities Welfare Department, Haveri Dist, Haveri hereby inviting Technical & Financial Bids from officially registered, eligible suppliers, Non-governmental organization who are registered under law, co-operative societies who are registered under society act to Supply food materials for all Hostels and Dr: A.P.J Abdul Kalam Residential School/ Morarji Desai Residential Schools/ Colleges in Haveri Dist as explained in the schedule of requirements. (1) Tender Reference No and date : ಸಂ:ಜಿಅಸಂ/ವಿನಿ/ಮೊ/ಆ/ಇ-ಟೆ/ಸಿಆರ್-130/2023-24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.09.2023 (2) Amount put to Tender Rs. **7,39,75,000=00** (3) Tender Showing Date in e-portal : 07.09.2023 (4) Samples submission Date & Time : **21.10.2023**, Time. 11.00 A.M (5) Last date submission of Tender : **19.10.2023** Time. 05.00 P.M (6) Date of opening of Technical bid : **25.10.2023**, Time. 11.00 A.M (7) Date of opening of Financial Bid : **30.10.2023**, Time. 11.00 A.M (8) EMD Amount Rs. **14,79,500=00** (9) Venue of opening of tenders & address for communication DISTRICT OFFICER, MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MOULANA AZAD BHAVAN, SHIVAJI NAGAR, 3RD CROSS, HAVERI. PHONE NO. 08375-234505.

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Hangzhou in festive mood after launch of torch relay

A pair of top officials ignite the sleek metal torch before a succession of national luminaries parade it as thousands of people line the streets of the host city

ASIAN GAMES

Agence France-Presse
HANGZHOU

China launched the torch relay for its Covid-delayed Asian Games on Friday with thousands of people lining the streets of the host city Hangzhou.

Fans waving miniature national flags packed into the area around the city's West Lake several hours before the launch ceremony.

All in readiness: The 19th Asian Games is set to kickstart on September 23. AP

A pair of top officials then ignited the sleek metal torch before a succession of national luminaries paraded it through the streets. The Asian Games start in Hangzhou, a city in eastern China famed for its elegant temples, canals and bridges, on September 23. Hangzhou had been due to hold the Games in September last year but was postponed because of China's strict zero-Covid rules, which have since been abandoned.

The relay will run through 11 cities in the region with over 2,000 people taking part, before ending up back in Hangzhou on September 20.

Participants on Friday – all clad in white tracksuits with red trim – included former swimming world champion Luo Xuejuan.

"Lots of people were already here when we got here at 6:30 am," said Hangzhou resident Shao Yan.

"I hope the Asian Games will be held smoothly and we have more of these kinds of activities in the future," she added.

Spanish prosecutors accuse Luis Rubiales of sexual assault

Spanish state prosecutors have accused Luis Rubiales of sexual assault and coercion for kissing a player without her consent after the Women's World Cup final, the country's prosecutors' office said on Friday. Rubiales, the now suspended president of the Spanish soccer federation, kissed Jenni Hermoso during the awards ceremony after Spain defeated England to clinch the title on August 20 in Sydney. Rubiales could face a fine or a prison sentence of one to four years if found guilty.

As a big corporation, it's our duty to ensure we play our part: IOCL chairman

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) chairman Shrikant Madhav Vaidya reiterated his commitment to improving the sporting landscape in the country on Friday.

Vaidya has played a major role in launching flagship programmes that have assisted the growth of sports by providing employment and scholarships to sportspersons. "Everything cannot be left to the government. As a big corporation, it is our duty to ensure we play our part," Vaidya said.

"We got R. Praggnanandhaa on board when he was 16 – so we firmly believe a company like IOCL has to step in and drive the whole thing. Our reach is such that we are able to get the good guys from all over the country."

Just the beginning: Shrikant Madhav Vaidya has assured that IOCL's commitment to Para sports is a long-term one. M. SRINATH

Praggnanandhaa has had a stellar 2023, which has seen him finish as runner-up at the recently concluded FIDE Chess World Cup. The 18-year-old Indian is now the third youngest player after Bobby Fischer and Magnus Carlsen to qualify for the Candidates tournament.

IOCL has also tied up with the Sports Authority of India and taken 30 girl athletes on scholarships for three years under its Indian Oil Shakti programme. Vaidya said the IOCL has 'consciously' steered clear of investing in cricket since "it does not need hand-holding any more."

The IOCL also recently signed an MoU with the Paralympics Committee of India, pledging its support for Para Asian Games 2022 in Hangzhou, the World Shooting Para Sports World Cup 2024 in New Delhi, and the Paralympic Games 2024 in Paris. "The para team requires full corporate support, and this is just the beginning," Vaidya said.

"We have signed an MoU with PCI and assured them that this is not a one-time effort but a long-term mission to boost Para sports. Deepa Malik, who is the 'brand ambassador' in a way, informed me that one of the throws by para javelin thrower Sumit Antil is about 70 metres. These remarkable athletes deserve all the limelight."

Asked about his company's future course of action vis-a-vis sports, Vaidya said: "We may take the hybrid route – some athletes could get contracts, and some will be groomed the regular way. But we will continue to engage in some form or another."

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